

Historic meeting gives force to Napoleonic vision

Thatcher and Mitterrand agree on rail tunnel

The Prime Minister and President Mitterrand gave the go-ahead for a Channel tunnel rail link opening in 1993, with no chance of a road link before 2006.

By Philip Webster and Edward Townsend. The Prime Minister and President Mitterrand yesterday gave the go-ahead at an historic summit in Lille, northern France.

operation for at least 27 years after the planned 1993 starting date. It had ruled out a road link now on grounds of cost and because adequate ventilation systems were not available.

But as part of the agreement still being worked on between the group and the two governments it will have to submit proposals by the year 2000 for a drive-through link.

This would only go ahead provided the technical feasibility of the project is assured, and if the traffic growth is sufficient for it to be financed without undermining the financial returns on the railway tunnel.

If CTG decides it does not want to go ahead and the governments are unhappy with its assessment, they will invite new tenders for the road link. But under the terms of the agreement with CTG, it could not be built until 2020.

Both Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand said that a road link "should be built". Mrs Thatcher said: "This group will have a monopoly until the year 2020 but long before that, in the year 2000, we hope there will be plans to build a road link."

"We think this is the best way to get a link started and developed. I am quite sure that once the first link comes into existence the demand for more will be so great that the finances, providing the engineering matters have been tackled, will probably be forthcoming."

President Mitterrand said that the historic decision showed an obvious goodwill between the countries and expressed a grand vision for the future.

Mrs Thatcher, who was accompanied by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, delivered part of her prepared speech.

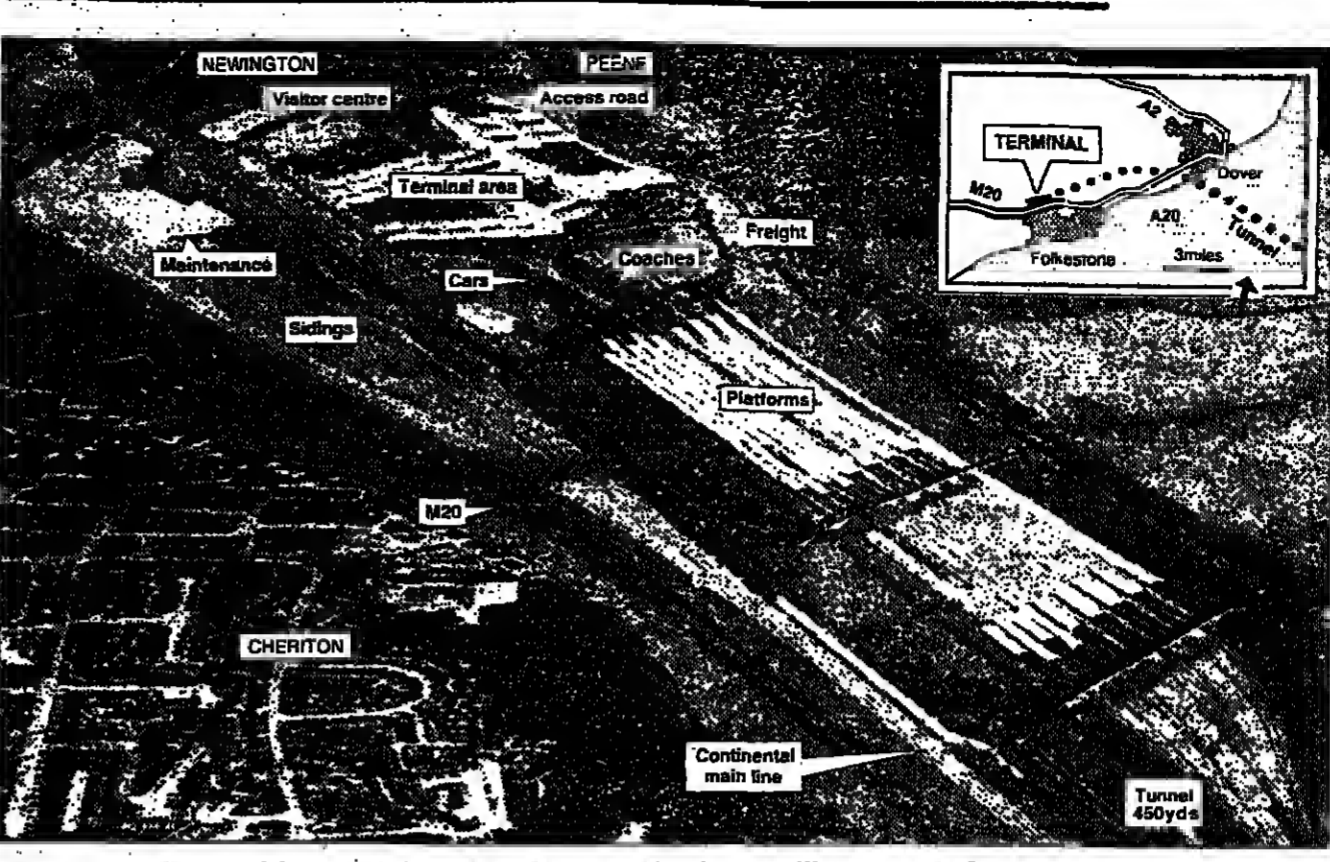
Conservative opponents of the Bill, which is expected to take full year, it could be amended to include a road element either from the start or at an earlier stage than provided for in the Anglo-French agreement.

Mr Robert McCrindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar, said yesterday that a sizeable majority of his colleagues would prefer a road tunnel. Another dozen or so are implacable opponents of any cross-Channel link.

Any amendment to include a road element to the scheme at this stage would undoubtedly annoy the French who regard the British procedures for the scheme as far too protracted.

Mr McCrindle, however, thinks the Government will have not only delay but outright opposition to the present proposal.

In the Commons, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, defused anger amongst East Kent MPs, all Conservatives, by announcing that a joint committee is to set up to look into fears aroused by the scheme.



Model of the proposed tunnel access terminal and marshalling area near Cheriton, Kent

600 still trapped in war-torn Yemen

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent. About 40 Britons were among some 600 foreign nationals trapped in South Yemen as British, French and Soviet ships kept watch off Aden waiting for an opportunity to pluck them to safety.

The Defence Ministry said the Royal Yacht Britannia, which has evacuated more than 600 people to two rescue missions, would remain in the area as long as needed.

The ship due in Auckland for the start of the Queen's tour of New Zealand on February 22, has to leave the Gulf of Aden by the middle of this week to get there in time for her arrival.

The fighting, which has been going on for the past eight days, leaving about 9,000 people dead or wounded, was reported to be subsiding yesterday. But most communications were still cut, and radio broadcasts gave conflicting accounts about which faction was gaining the upper hand.

According to Aden radio, President Ali Nasser Muhammad, who had been head of state since 1980, has been overthrown and the Polithuro of the Marxist Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) had taken control.

However, another transmitter was broadcasting messages of support for President Muhammad, who was said to be on his way back to Aden from Addis Ababa, where he had gone for talks at the end of last week.

About 3,500 foreigners have been evacuated in British, Soviet and French ships since the fighting began.

Most of the remaining foreigners are believed to be in two large groups. One is trapped near Little Aden, where the oil refinery has been set ablaze.

The other group has gathered at the port of Al Mukallah, about 220 miles east of Aden.

The Royal Navy was keeping in touch with those stranded on shore by radio links provided by HMS Newcastle and the Jupiter.

Mr Nicholas Sheppard, the British vice-consul in Aden, is on board the Newcastle and has been acting as the communications link between the Britannia and people awaiting evacuation.

Britons look back with pride

By Colin Hughes. The first 24 Britons to be evacuated from civil-war-ravaged South Yemen by the Royal Yacht Britannia flew into London yesterday, to describe how patriotic pride and cool British humour pulled them through their week-long ordeal.

After a tearful welcome from family and friends, the British Embassy staff and staff and expatriates lavished praise on their rescuers, and smiled in retrospect at memories of the Royal Marine band on board Britannia playing Glenn Miller on deck while Aden burned.

A British Embassy security officer modestly told of how he single-handedly disarmed nine Yemeni soldiers who sought refuge inside the embassy compound. Others spent days with rats in cellars, dug foxholes in their back gardens to shelter from tank and artillery fire, or fought flames when the Aden Hotel was hit by shells.

But all were stunned by the unexpected sight of the Royal Yacht herself appearing off the evacuation beach 30 miles north of Aden.

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Rate rise pressure as pound slides

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent. The Government is faced with a stark choice between pushing up the cost of borrowing, including mortgage rates, and letting the pound slide.

The pound fell sharply yesterday, as oil prices weakened. North Sea oil for delivery in April changed hands at \$19.58 a barrel. As recently as November, North Sea oil was trading at \$30 a barrel.

The pressure is intensifying for a rise in bank base rates. This would trigger an increase in mortgage rates, now 12.75 per cent.

The Group Five finance ministers, who met in London at the weekend, failed to produce a strong commitment to reduce interest rates worldwide.

Falling oil prices will put pressure on the pound and reduce the room for tax cuts in the Budget.

The pound fell by 2.27 cents to \$1.4158 and by more than four pennings to DM3.4994. The sterling index fell from 77.9 to 76.9.

Mr David Morrison, currency economist with the stockbroking firm of Simon & Coates, said: "It's looking pretty bad. There may be no escape from the oil price war. We could be looking at a 1 1/2 to 2 point base rate rise."

When base rates last rose, from 11 1/2 to 12 1/2 per cent on January 8, sharp increases in money market interest rates occurred but the pound held up generally well.

Yesterday, the pound fell back to levels below which foreign exchange dealers had expected the Bank of England to step in and support it.

It appears that the Bank, with the agreement of the Treasury, is trying to weather the oil price storm by allowing the pound to slide temporarily rather than push interest rates up again. Officials believe that nothing fundamental has changed since the last rise in base rates.

A rise in base rates, and hence mortgage rates, as well as representing a considerable political blow for the Chancellor would upset his cosy inflation outlook. Inflation is on course to drop to about 3 1/2 per cent by the summer, but a rise in home loan costs would keep the rate up around 4 1/2 per cent.

Tomorrow, the banks will be taking up the second part of a special money market facility offered by the Bank of England. Clearing bank officials say a move on base rates is unlikely until after then.

Share prices fell sharply on fears of higher borrowing costs. The FT industrial ordinary share index dropped by 12.6 points to 1,106.1.

Manufacturing output rose by 0.7 per cent, to its best level since February 1980.

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Army coup topples Jonathan

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg. The Government of Chief Leabua Jonathan, Prime Minister of Lesotho, was replaced yesterday by a military regime headed by Major-General Justin Lekhanya, commander of the small mountainous kingdom's 1,500-man army, known as the Para-Military Force.

Radio Lesotho said: "The normal activity of the Government would temporarily be the responsibility of a Military Council headed by General Lekhanya, with the assistance of the principal secretaries of government departments. Chief Jonathan and his Cabinet ministers have been dismissed. An army officer, said they were in their homes, but were out under house arrest."

King Mosheshoe II will continue to act as head of state. Reaction in Lesotho to the overthrow of Chief Jonathan, who had ruled the country autocratically and at times ruthlessly for 20 years, was generally enthusiastic. Large crowds of mainly young people ran through the main street of Maseru, the kingdom's small capital, chanting and singing "Away with Leabua".

On Sunday evening, Chief Jonathan had declared on television that he was "in complete control".

It is thought the little-known General Lekhanya will be less hostile towards Pretoria, and likely to take tougher action against the African National Congress in Lesotho.

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THE TIMES Tomorrow

- Philippines poll: The voting thriller in Manila. Founding feminist Marilyn French, surviving the sex war. Hillsborough: Protestants head for a resounding 'no'. Wheeler-dealer: How racing cyclist Tony Doyle pedals 30,000 miles a year.

Portfolio

There were three winners of yesterday's Times Portfolio competition. Mr J. Mansson of Kingston Upon Thames, Mrs P. Miles of Aylesbury, Bucks, and Mr G. Walker of Banbury, Oxon, each receive £500. Portfolio list, page 22; how to play, information service, back page.

US cash aid expected for Ireland

Economic aid from the United States worth a possible \$500 million (£352 million) for Ireland is expected to be announced next month. Mr John Hume, SDLP leader, said yesterday that the package was likely to be voted through Congress in February.

25% rate rise

Wiltshire County Council's finance committee agreed yesterday to recommend a rates rise of 25.9 per cent, from 147p to 185p.

Labour strategy

Mr Neil Kinnock, launching a series of speeches setting out Labour's policy for the next election, described the philosophy for production, directing investment into manufacturing.

Peres here

Continuing his European shuttle, Israel's Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres arrives in London today but with no sign yet of a dramatic Middle East breakthrough.

Antarctic bill

The private British Antarctic expedition pledged to pay a £21,000 bill towards the cost of its rescue by the Americans.

Film détente

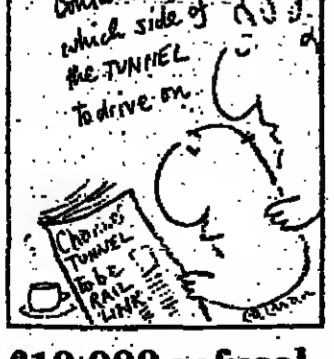
Hollywood came to a tiny, broken-down Polish town to make an American-Polish co-production that may start a small revolution in film-making.

Militant curbs

Leaders of the Civil and Public Services Association are drawing up rule changes to reduce the influence of Militant Tendency in the union.

Soviet visit

Mr Edward Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, has been invited to visit Britain in March. The date was discussed during talks with Mr Nikita Ryzhov, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, in London.



£10,000 refusal

Mr Richard Needham, Under-Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office, has refused to pay about £10,000 losses on a Lloyd's syndicate because of a special agreement.

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Pym leads attack on 'unfair' rates

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter. Mr Francis Pym, the former Cabinet minister, led the Conservative backbench onslaught last night against the Government's allocation of rate-support grant to local councils.

He gave a warning that the proposed settlement, which is shifting resources away from shire counties to inner city areas, would lead to "substantial and unavoidable" rate increases in counties throughout East Anglia unless services were cut in a "wholly unacceptable and unwise way".

Mr Pym was cheered by fellow Conservatives when he said the allocation of grant to shires was "unfair because it penalizes authorities that have been careful, that have shown good management and have responded positively to the Government's policy of reducing expenditure".

The Association of County Councils, which took the unprecedented step of recommending all MPs to vote against the grant settlement, has calculated the net loss to shire areas is £274 million.

Mr Pym told Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, that in East Anglia it was expected rates would go up by three to five times the rate of inflation.

He said the Government was right to be providing an extra £300 million for inner cities and urban areas, but it was unfair that it should be paid for entirely by the shire counties.

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Weinstock was told of threat to bid

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent. Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC, was warned by Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of British Aerospace, the GEC bid for Plessey could be affected by his company's backing of a European consortium offer for a stake in Westland.

The GEC bid was yesterday referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

But in an alleged additional note of the events of January 8 - when Sir Raymond met Mr Brittan and misunderstood the minister's message on BAE participation in the European consortium - Sir Raymond said that he received a phone call from Lord Weinstock after the BAE board meeting had ended, just before 10 pm.

Sir Raymond is reported to have told Lord Weinstock that he had had "an unpleasant interview with the Secretary of State", and that in view of his concern with the department's attitude over a referral on the Plessey affair, he Lord Weinstock should be aware that Sir Raymond had been told that "what we were doing was not in the national interest".

Mr Brittan said that it was in the national interest that the present uncertainty over Westland's future be ended as soon as possible.

Lord Weinstock said that he thought it was essential that I should write to the Prime Minister to give my side of the events so that the episode could not be used subsequently to Britain to damage the interests of British Aerospace.

Sir Raymond's further account had originally been part of his report on the meeting with Mr Brittan, but it was edited out of the "full transcript" sent to the Prime Minister by Sir Austin Pearce, the BAE chairman.

GEC to sue Plessey

As Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary for Trade and Industry announced that he was referring GEC's £1.2 billion bid for Plessey to the monopolies commission, GEC said it was launching a libel action against its target company (Patience Wheatcroft writes).

Plessey, led by Sir John Clark, its chairman, has been fiercely opposed to a takeover by GEC. Although takeover tactics in the City have become increasingly hard hitting, Plessey's defence document was one of the most outspoken yet.

It is this which contains the alleged libels. GEC claims that the document "contains false and misleading statements" which are seriously defamatory.

Its objections centre on two quotations included in the document, one an extract from a stockbroker's report Plessey will be defending the writ. Kenneth Fleet, page 19

Guinness in £2.2bn bid for Distillers

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent. Guinness, the brewer, yesterday entered the battle for control of Distillers with a £2.2 billion agreed takeover bid for the Scotch drinks group. The bid was the largest made in Britain.

Distillers directors, who have been fighting a near £2 billion offer from Argyle, Mr James Gulliver's supermarkets and food manufacturing group, welcomed the Guinness move.

One inside source said: "It's like the cavalry coming over the hill."

SHARE OF WHISKY MARKET. Guinness (Boll's) Distillers. Includes a bar chart showing market share percentages for Guinness and other brands.

Teachers meet Acas over pay dispute

The two sides in the teachers' pay dispute meet again today at the conciliation service, Acas, in another attempt to solve the 11-month-old pay struggle.

There are signs that a deal may be signed soon. All 27 members of the management side have been asked to attend a meeting on Thursday, presumably to discuss the ideas Acas produces.

Members of both sides have also been asked to stand by for talks today and tomorrow on an Acas peace plan.

HARRODS SALE Great Reductions on Bedding. Table listing various bedding items with original and sale prices. Includes: Selection of Divan and Mattress Sets with pocketed spring interiors; Imperial, upholstered in hair and cotton felt; Chesterfield, upholstered in foam and cotton felt; Saxony, upholstered in cotton felt; Herald Supreme, upholstered in cotton felt and polyester fibre.



# Medical researchers call for ethical committees to control embryo work

By Thomson Prentice  
Science Correspondent

The leading medical research organisations of nine European countries, including Britain, have proposed strict controls on embryo research and other "test-tube baby" techniques.

They have called for national ethical committees to be set up in each country to monitor the work of in-vitro fertilisation specialists and to prohibit "unacceptable" research, but they stop short of legislation.

The suggestions were put forward in a statement issued yesterday on behalf of the medical research councils of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Italy, Sweden, West Germany and the United Kingdom.

The Medical Research Council in Britain is sending copies of the statement to MPs as an aid to public debate on Friday a new attempt to ban research on human embryos will be made with the publication of a private member's Bill in the House of Commons.

Mr Kenneth Hargreaves, Conservative MP for Hyndburn, is proposing legislation very similar to that of the unsuccessful Bill introduced last year.

The research councils of Europe are agreed that research on what they describe as "pre-embryos" should be permitted to improve the treatment of infertility and to reduce the incidence of hereditary and congenital abnormalities.

But such work should not be permitted on pre-embryos beyond 14 days, they say. The councils also want to ban some work that is currently impossible but which could develop the cloning of embryos, producing identical twins, and artificial fertilisation; and altering human genes to change characteristics such as intelligence and personality.

The proposals have been drafted because of concern by public opinion on questions of ethical significance as fundamental as those raised by this work.

## Hospital inquiry is sought

A government inquiry into possible revision of the law covering private hospitals was demanded yesterday by the Medical Practitioners' Union in Scotland.

Mr Gordon Craig, Scottish divisional officer for the union, told a press conference in Glasgow that regulations covering the private sector were woefully inadequate to protect patients and staff.

The demand has been sharpened by the recent fatal accident reports in Glasgow on a boy aged 7 who died after an operation in a private hospital. The union has been campaigning for tougher controls for several years.

Mr Craig said the standards set by the National Health Services, the arbiter for health care standards in Britain, should apply equally and no less stringently to the private sector.

The union is also seeking to have private hospitals licensed for each medical procedure carried out there, in order to ensure adequate back-up facilities and staffing, and to create a provision that consultants working in the private sector should live within an acceptable distance from the hospital so that in an emergency they would be available.

The union is to approach Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, and every Scottish MP on the issue.

among the councils at the lack of guidance on permitted practices within the IVF field. The recommendations published yesterday are aimed at "ensuring the acceptance of IVF and carefully controlled related research in Europe", a joint statement said.

"The medical and scientific communities are acutely conscious of the need to be guided

by public opinion on questions of ethical significance as fundamental as those raised by this work.

It is vital that in addition to scientists and clinicians, the public be involved in the decision as to what is ethically permissible and in the prohibition of unacceptable research.

The councils argue that without research there would have been no IVF to help infertile couples. "The technique is still relatively inefficient and without more research no improvements are possible," they say.

Preventing research would commit clinicians to continue using unsatisfactory methods, and that in itself would be unethical to medical specialists.

The proposed national ethical committee would have a "substantial" lay membership and would guide and advise scientists and doctors, and draw up guidelines in controversial areas of research.

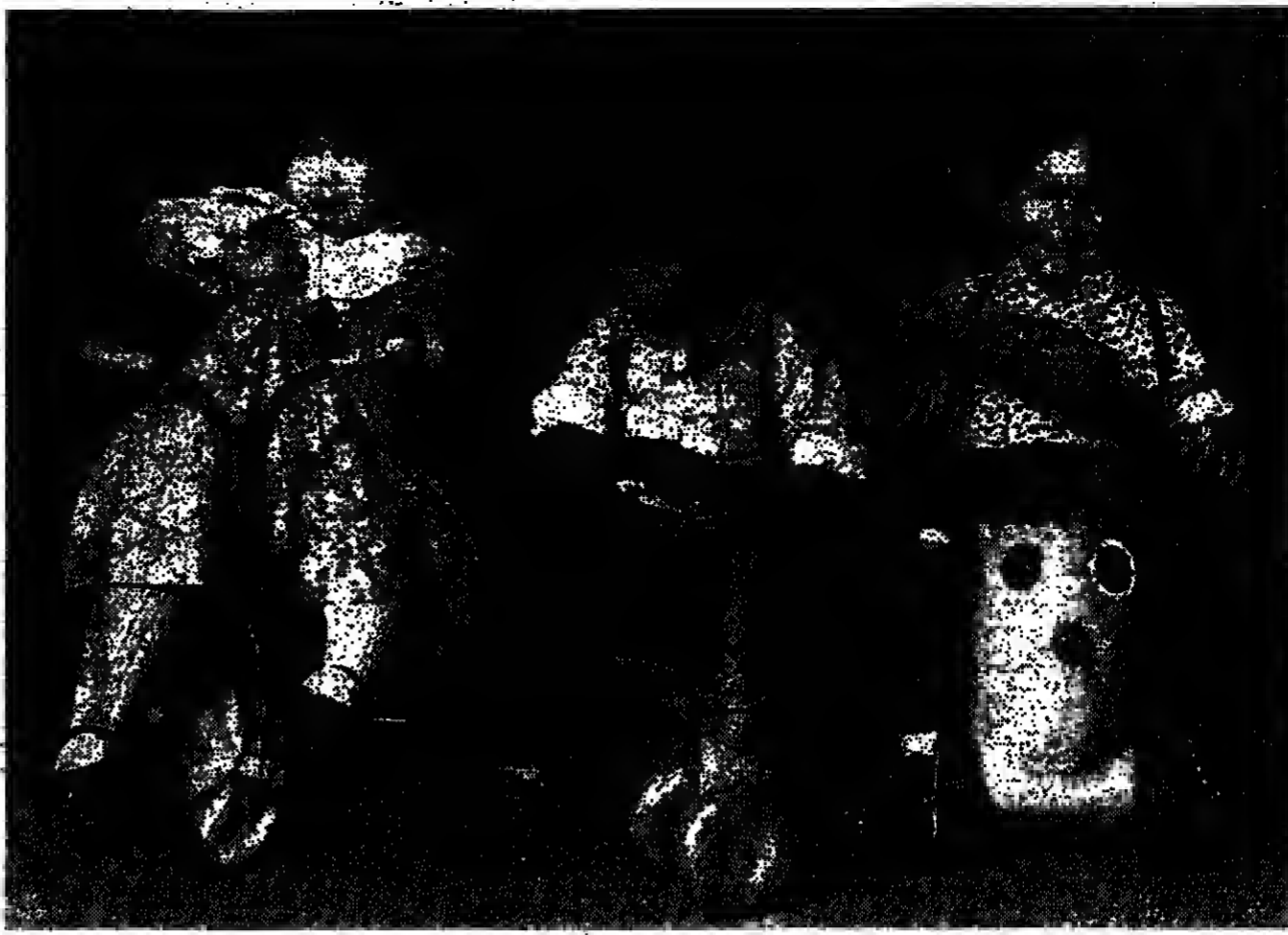
"It is expected that by this means, the need for legislation in areas in which the central question concerns the ethical acceptability of a practice would be avoided," the councils say.

The greatest long term benefit from research on fertilised human eggs will be the "very early detection" and hereditary disorders such as cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy and haemophilia, the councils believe.

The use of "spare" pre-embryos in such research must be dependent in all cases on the consent of the donors, "the final arbiters in any decision", they say.

Sir James Gowans, Secretary of the British Medical Research Council, said yesterday: "The proposals are the result of discussions among European research leaders who recognize the need for an informed public debate on human IVF.

"We are very anxious to have the public fully involved in monitoring research.



Test tube triplets Nourah (left), Khalil and Khaled celebrate their second birthday today. The triplets, claimed by Professor Ian Croft, of the Cromwell Hospital, London, to be Britain's first, were born to Mrs Anne Maaye who had waited more than 10 years to have children (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

# Coroners criticized over mental patients

By Marjorie Wallace

The deaths of schizophrenics who commit suicide are being recorded as accidental deaths or misadventure because of coroners' reluctance to return verdicts, Dr Martin Weller, a leading psychiatrist said yesterday.

Evidence that coroners are reluctant to return suicide verdicts has been collected by *The Times* and Central Television, whose *Zero Options*, the first of two programmes on schizophrenia, is broadcast tonight.

The programme claims that one in 10 schizophrenics who suffer will commit suicide. Dr Weller, a consultant psychiatrist to Friern Barnet and two other north London hospitals, has carried out research showing that the suicide rate is 17 times higher to schizophrenics than the population as a whole, and higher still among those who have just been discharged from hospital.

"There is a reluctance by coroners to record a verdict of suicide," he said. "I had one schizophrenic patient who jumped from a high building. His death was recorded as misadventure."

Mr David Lyne, director of the North-West Fellowship for schizophrenia, said: "Last year 18 of the schizophrenics who suffer from the 100 or so I know committed suicide. Nine of them died by walking in front of a train or by lying on the railway line."

According to the programme, James Andrews, aged 23, threw himself under a train in Hertfordshire after two previous attempts to take his own life, but the verdict of accidental death was recorded.

The programme also examines the failure of community care to meet patients' needs. "Community care is an empty shell," Dr Michael Tarsh, consultant psychiatrist at Prestwich Hospital, Manchester, said yesterday.

## Five men face charges of organizing dog fight

Five men appeared in court at Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, today in connection with an organized dog fight on the outskirts of the town.

The police discovered the fighting arena along with a white bucket containing a mixture of dogs' blood and water, weighing scales and other paraphernalia used for dog baiting after a man reported what he thought was a child's cry, Mr John Davison said.

Ian Glover, aged 32, of Fir Street, Nelson, Lancashire, and Trevor Fryer, aged 37, of Towgate Road, Dewsbury, also pleaded not guilty to procuring or assisting a dog fight at Dewsbury on September 8 last year.

Steven Harrison, aged 34, of Cutler Place, Bradford, and Richard Brerley, aged 41, of High Street, Dewsbury, also pleaded not guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to two dogs by omitting to attempt to stop an organized fight between them. Glyn Jones, aged 26, of Westminster Avenue, Royton, Oldham, who is accused of procuring or assisting at a dog fight, changed his plea from not guilty.

The case was adjourned until today.

## Prison oversight means Blandford misses hearing

An administrative oversight at Peotenville prison meant that Lord Blandford, aged 30, son of the Duke of Marlborough, could not be produced for a court hearing yesterday.

He was remanded, in his absence, by magistrates at Marylebone court, central London, on a charge of conspiring to supply cocaine.

Lord Blandford, who gave Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, as his address, was represented by Mr James Rankin, who agreed to a remand to his absence.

Mr Geoffrey Noel, the magistrate, renewed Lord Blandford's bail of £10,000 until February 10. Two co-defendants, George Yiannakakis, aged 33, of Lower Sloane Street, Chelsea, south-west London, and Lawrence Zephyr, aged 53, of Ashmore Road, Maida Vale, west London, who appeared in court, were remanded in custody to the same date.

All three are charged, with two others previously granted £1,500 bail, with conspiring to contravene the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971.

## Visits to top historic houses are up 14%

By John Young

The most popular historic houses in terms of visitors last year were Warwick Castle, owned by Madame Tussauds, and Beaulieu, the ancestral home of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of English Heritage, according to the Historic Houses Association.

The association's table does not include Crown properties, such as the Tower of London, or the royal palaces, or those owned by the National Trust. Warwick Castle had 641,000 visitors, and Beaulieu more than 560,000. The next most popular were Harewood House, with just above 200,000, and Arundel Castle with 184,000.

Visitors to Warwick and Beaulieu were nearly 14 per cent more than in 1984, and most other owners of the best-known and most popular properties reported big increases in business. Floors Castle, in Scotland, for example, the home of the Dukes of Roxburgh, where part of the film *Greystoke* was shot, attracted more than 60 per cent more visitors.

The association attributes the increase to the strong dollar and the consequent revival of the American tourist trade.

| property      | visitors | % rise or fall |
|---------------|----------|----------------|
| Warwick Ca    | 641,000  | +13.65         |
| Beaulieu      | 560,659  | +13.75         |
| Harewood Ho   | 200,484  | +4.1           |
| Arundel Ca    | 184,000  | -2.2           |
| Bowood Ho     | 160,360  | .41            |
| Broadlands    | 151,222  | -1.1           |
| Sleat Ca      | 130,258  | +9             |
| Soane Pa      | 103,830  | +10            |
| Tatton Park   | 102,121  | +10            |
| Esary Gdns    | 100,544  | +8.7           |
| Elvetham      | 100,000  | +10            |
| Wilton Ho     | 92,774   | +10            |
| Inversaray Ca | 89,762   | +8.48          |
| Ham House     | 85,552   | +8.2           |
| Durweston Ca  | 77,438   | +12.5          |
| Glanis Ca     | 76,000   | +6             |
| Llifford Park | 73,700   | -20            |
| Newby Hall    | 72,000   | -7             |
| Knebworth Ho  | 68,485   | +12            |
| Holkar Hall   | 66,899   | +12            |
| Hopetoun Ho   | 63,274   | +13            |
| Alnwick Ca    | 62,128   | +3.4           |
| Floors Ca     | 61,596   | +61.6          |
| Berkeley Ca   | 59,143   | +11.4          |
| Burghley Ho   | 56,487   | +5.18          |
| Chilham Ca    | 53,154   | +0.8           |
| Chilham Ca    | 53,000   |                |

Private sector properties with more than 50,000 visitors a year. Several leading houses do not publish visitor figures, and those are not included here. Figures from the Historic Houses Association.

But the association is concerned that the numbers of visitors to lesser known houses, whose owners cannot afford expensive marketing and promotion campaigns, dropped by 15 per cent.

## Drug case halted again

The trial in London of a Saudi Arabian prince accused of plotting to smuggle cocaine into Britain was halted for the fourth time yesterday when a woman juror fell ill and was discharged from service.

The trial at Knightsbridge Crown Court, which has not proceeded further than the prosecution opening speech since it began last Monday, has had three false starts.

The court was told yesterday by Judge Henry Pownall, QC, that a woman juror had fallen ill and been discharged. A male juror was sworn in after defence counsel challenged 12 potential jurors and the trial started yet again.

## Kidnap threat to second brother

Mr Muhammad Mahdi al-Tajir, the United Arab Emirates' Ambassador in London, said yesterday that there had been a threat to kidnap a second member of his family.

After armed men bundled his brother Sadiq into a car on a London street, the ambassador was warned that the kidnappers were also after another brother.

He said: "Mr X, the intermediary, said: 'Be careful, they are after your brother Hadi'."

Mr Hadi al-Tajir, chief executive of the family business, came to England in 1957 with his brother Sadiq, who runs a travel agency in Knightsbridge, west London.

The ambassador said: "I cannot tell you any more at the moment: more about this will come out later."



Mr Muhammad Mahdi al-Tajir, the UAE Ambassador, in London yesterday.

after payment of a \$3 million (about £2 million) ransom. Mr al-Tajir had been chained to a bedstead in a flat in west Norwood, south London.

The ambassador said: "My brother is strong enough to get over it. I'm sure he is glad to be alive."

Asked if paying the ransom would encourage future kidnaps, he said: "The outcome will prove whether or not I made the right decision. I decided to pay the money as a way of bringing the kidnappers to justice."

## Sunday shop rebuffed in Co-op study

By Teresa Poole

The Co-op, Britain's biggest shopkeeper, yesterday renewed its attack on unrestricted Sunday trading with an independent survey showing that most of its customers do not want shops open all day on Sunday.

Only 15 per cent of Co-op shoppers said they approved of all-day Sunday trading and more than half agreed that "Sundays are a good excuse not to have to go shopping".

The survey appears to support the Co-op's view that there is limited appeal for total deregulation of Sunday shopping. Of the 27 per cent who thought it would be a good idea for all shops to be open on Sunday, only 37 per cent wanted them open all day.

Support for Sunday shopping was strongest among under-35s and where both partners worked. In those cases about three quarters of customers said they would regularly shop on Sundays.

The Co-op has 5,800 retail outlets with a combined turnover of £4,500 million and has strongly opposed government proposals in the Shops Bill to lift all restrictions on shops.

The survey, by Research Bureau, was conducted late last year with 600 Co-op customers. A large minority, more than a third, said they shopped on Sunday beyond buying newspapers, confectionery and cigarettes. Almost half agreed that they would shop if the stores were open.

When pressed on preferred Sunday opening times for shops, 29 per cent wanted the morning only and 11 per cent wanted mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Parliament, page 4

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# Union leaders aim to curb Militant in the Civil Service

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Leaders of the largest Civil Service union are drawing up rule changes which, if approved in the spring, will be used to reduce the influence in the union of the Militant Tendency.

Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, outlined plans yesterday for a fightback against Militant who he addressed a union meeting at the Department of Health and Social Security's main computer centre at Newcastle upon Tyne, which Militant has used as its powerbase.

Militant is said by moderates to control or heavily influence about a third of the CPSA's 900 branches in government offices.

Mr Graham said yesterday: "It is because I want to see an effective democratic trade union that faces up to the real choices in the difficult world of the 1980s that I want to destroy the role and influence of the Militant Tendency."

He argued that, in addition to pressing for changes to rules governing elections of branch officials, people who have in the past supported moderate candidates in national union elections should organize themselves at the Newcastle centre into an effective "opposition" to Militant.

The opposition would challenge the ruling Militant power bloc, he said, and even if they do not win immediate power, you may well stop some of the zany propositions that this branch seeks to foist on the national union.

The CPSA leadership has in recent years won a reputation for political volatility with control swinging between Left and Right. Political complications brought about by a split

in the Left-wing grouping in 1984 have been increased recently by a similar division opening in the ranks of the moderate groups.

The new moderate group, which promises to take a softer political line, expects to win votes both from the original moderate group and BL84 which comprises Labour left, Communists and other sympathizers. It could raise the chances of the Broad Left, organization that brings together Militant, the Socialist Workers Party and other Trotskyist groups.

Elections to the union executive will be held in the next three months, but Mr Graham argued that branch annual general meetings, which are now being held around the country, should seek to change election rules so that voting for key branch official positions is held by secret ballot.

At the moment, voting is by ballot at a meeting, but Mr Graham said the union's annual conference in May would be asked to approve constitutional amendments making it compulsory that branches should hold elections before the annual general meeting.

Moderates argue that Militant packs meetings of which elections are held so that its candidates are elected. Mr Graham warned the Newcastle meeting yesterday of the "chaos and incompetence" which arises when Militant is in control. He quoted the examples of the Liverpool crises.

Describing Militant as "a dangerous lot", Mr Graham said that, like Mr Neil Kinnock to the Labour Party he intended to challenge its role in the union.

## Race Act warning over sale

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

A white householder who tried to stop a neighbour selling his house to an Asian family admitted breaking the Race Relations Act at Westminster County Court yesterday and he was warned that similar action could lead to fines or imprisonment.

Mr Andrew Cowper, of Northfleet, Kent, admitted that he had tried to persuade his neighbour to abandon an agreed sale to an Asian family and then petitioned other neighbours to support him. He gave the court an undertaking that he would not break the Act again, and agreed to pay the costs of the action brought by the Commission for Racial Equality.

Section 31 of the Race Relations Act makes it unlawful to try to persuade another person to discriminate on racial grounds.

The commission which successfully brought proceedings last October against 53 council tenants who had petitioned the Greater London Council not to house Asian families on their estate, said yesterday that the case was not isolated.

Mr Goolam Meeran, education, housing and services director at the commission, said: "This sort of racial harassment must not go unchallenged. Firm action must be taken against all individuals and groups who engage in racially discriminatory activities."

## Music for over-40s on Radio 2

By Our Arts Correspondent

BBC Radio 2 is to concentrate on music for the over 40s in an attempt to win back listeners lost by the increasing amount of pop music on the station in recent years. It will have rescheduled most of its output by Easter to put an emphasis on middle-of-the-road music.

Miss Frances Line, the station's head of music, said yesterday: "Radio 2 had been drifting about without a clear music policy. The youth audience has been overruled and now it is time to return to the over-40s."

"There are an awful lot of over-40s in the country and perhaps some of them have given us up in the past."

Miss Line hopes to continue signing household names to present middle-of-the-road music shows for the station. The latest changes to take place are in the evening music programmes. Angela Rippon, the former BBC newsreader, is to have a weekly two-hour magazine programme beginning at 11pm each Friday from May.

Paul Jones, the former singer with Manfred Mann, who is now an actor, is to host a new series featuring blues and country music.

Monday evenings will be devoted to big band and jazz, and Tuesdays "big strings sounds" and a series about musical stars of the past and present. Wednesday will have an extended evening of folk music.

## Austin Rover 'seeks to screen troublemakers'

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Workers seeking jobs in Austin Rover factories will be subjected to a searching two-day investigation, including questions about their personal commitment to the State-controlled car group, if management proposals are adopted.

The proposals, including the establishment of assessment centres to examine recruits, are seen by some union officials as a further move by the company to prevent potential troublemakers slipping through the interviewing procedure.

That was tightened up two years ago after the discovery of a so-called "battle plan" by militants to infiltrate key union posts at the Cowley plant near Oxford. Thirteen new recruits were dismissed for making statements on their application forms.

Austin Rover executives are assuring union leaders that only a small amount of time during the two days will be given to weeding out troublemakers.

Most of the time will be spent assessing candidates' skills and ensuring that they are prepared to identify with the company's recovery plans.

Mr Harold Musgrove, Austin Rover's chairman and chief executive, has called in consultants to help with stage two of the recovery plan now that productivity, particularly at Longbridge, is sure to be on par with the best in Europe. Annual output a worker has increased since 1979 from 5.9 cars to 14.

Stage two is intended to reduce the friction between workers and management by holding regular round-table discussions with managers at all levels, using a system of "zone circles" each with 25 members in an adaptation of the highly praised "quality circles" devised by the Japanese motor industry.

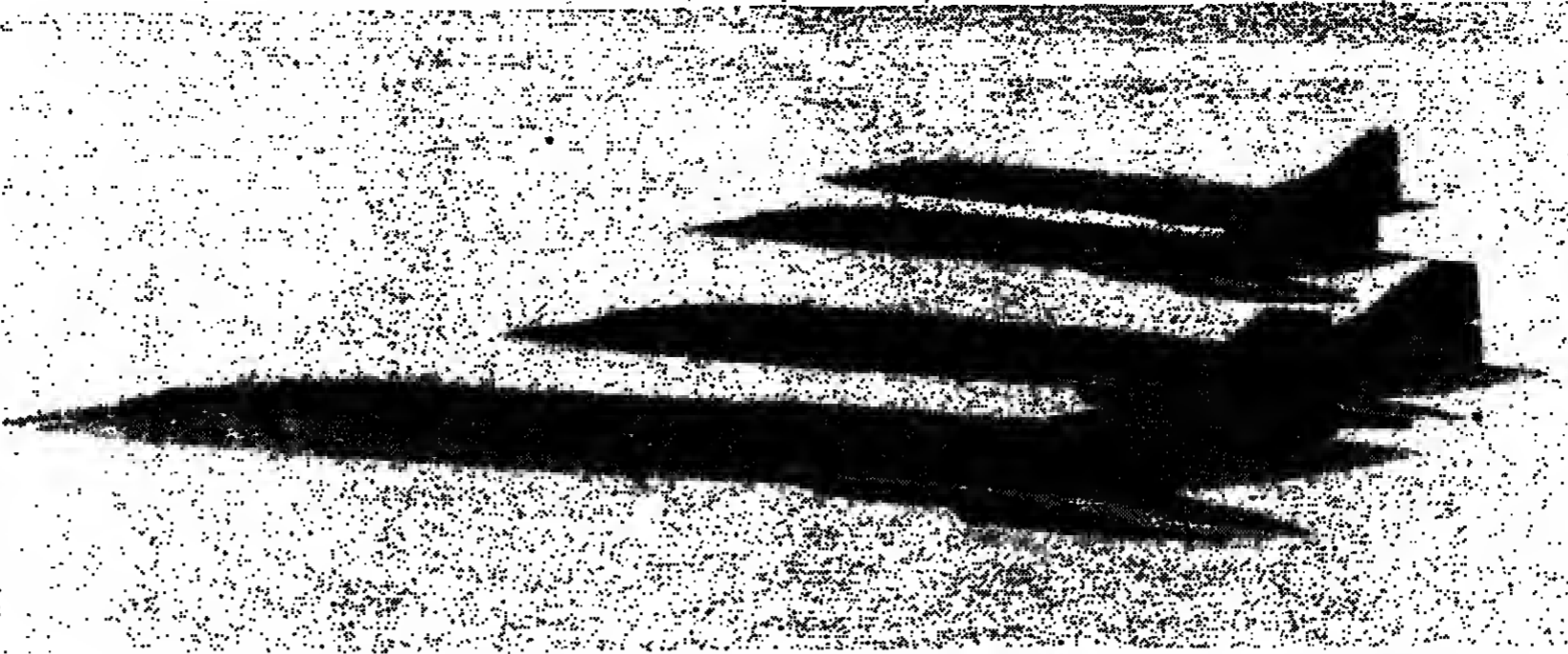
Officially, Austin Rover will confirm only that those new ideas are under scrutiny.

## Pedal-power for charity

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is planning a coast-to-coast ride by hundreds of cyclists to introduce families to the "forgotten pleasures" of cycling through beautiful countryside and to raise funds through sponsorship for Oxford.

The "Great Pedal-In" from the Irish Sea to the North Sea is to start in Blackpool on Saturday July 12 ending a week later in Scarborough.

The trip will cost £120 for adult and £95 for children under 16. The youngest riders must be over nine years old.



Four British Airways Concorde flying in formation at 15,000 feet over the West of England as part of the tenth anniversary celebrations.

# On board champagne Concorde's birthday special

By Ronald Faux

Concorde today celebrates 10 years of ferrying very important passengers in luxury across the Atlantic. The aircraft has proved immensely popular among those privileged enough to be able to afford a ticket and has won the respect and affection of the pilots who fly it.

Captain Colin Morris, a senior British Airways pilot and Concorde enthusiast, said: "Not only the passengers think this plane is incredible. You should hear what the people who fly it have to say."

So there we were - 70 VIP's paying £1,442 each on the flight crew side of Heathrow in Concorde's crowded cockpit with the world's most prestigious aeroplane coming to life around us - a bewilderment of dials, warning lights and indicators primed with energy.

Captain Morris led the litany of checks with his first officer and flight engineer, Engines lit, trims corrected, intertial navigators set, all systems operational. Behind us, the champagne cocktails, caviar and quail were ready for service to the

passengers. Speedbird 193 began to taxi.

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The Bristol Channel shrank beneath us at 15,000ft a minute. The tip of Ireland loomed on the radar at Captain Morris's elbow. As we cruised at 4,000ft the crew sipped tea as Concorde clipped along at the speed of a bullet.

Later the sky below clears and as the cabin staff wheel out the last Remy Martin and Macanudo cigars, Nantucket Island and Cape Cod slide over the curve of the earth. We track towards the coast at 22 miles a minute, and the nose droops to reveal the Manhattan skyline.

# 'Debate-in' by Labour MPs over Gartcosh

The battle to save Gartcosh steelworks spilled over into the Scottish Grand Committee in Edinburgh yesterday when Opposition MPs occupied the debating chamber.

During a debate on the report of the Scottish Tertiary Education Advisory Council, Mr Tom Clarke, Labour MP for Monklands West, and Mr Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk West, asked Mr Hugh McCartney, Labour MP for Clydebank and Milngavie and committee chairman to extend the sitting so that they could discuss Gartcosh.

Mr McCartney refused because the question was "completely out of order". As soon as he vacated the chair at the end of the sitting, it was occupied by Mr William McKelvey, Labour MP for Kilmarnock and Loudoun, who announced that they would hold a debate of Gartcosh.

Conservative MPs and Labour front bench spokesmen left the chamber. Ten Labour MPs and two alliance members remained.

A motion supporting the workforce at Gartcosh to their fight to save the plant was moved by Mr Gavin Straog, Labour MP for Edinburgh East, and seconded by Mr Canavan.

Parliament is due in debate Gartcosh on Thursday. Earlier Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, had met a deputatioon from the steel plant.

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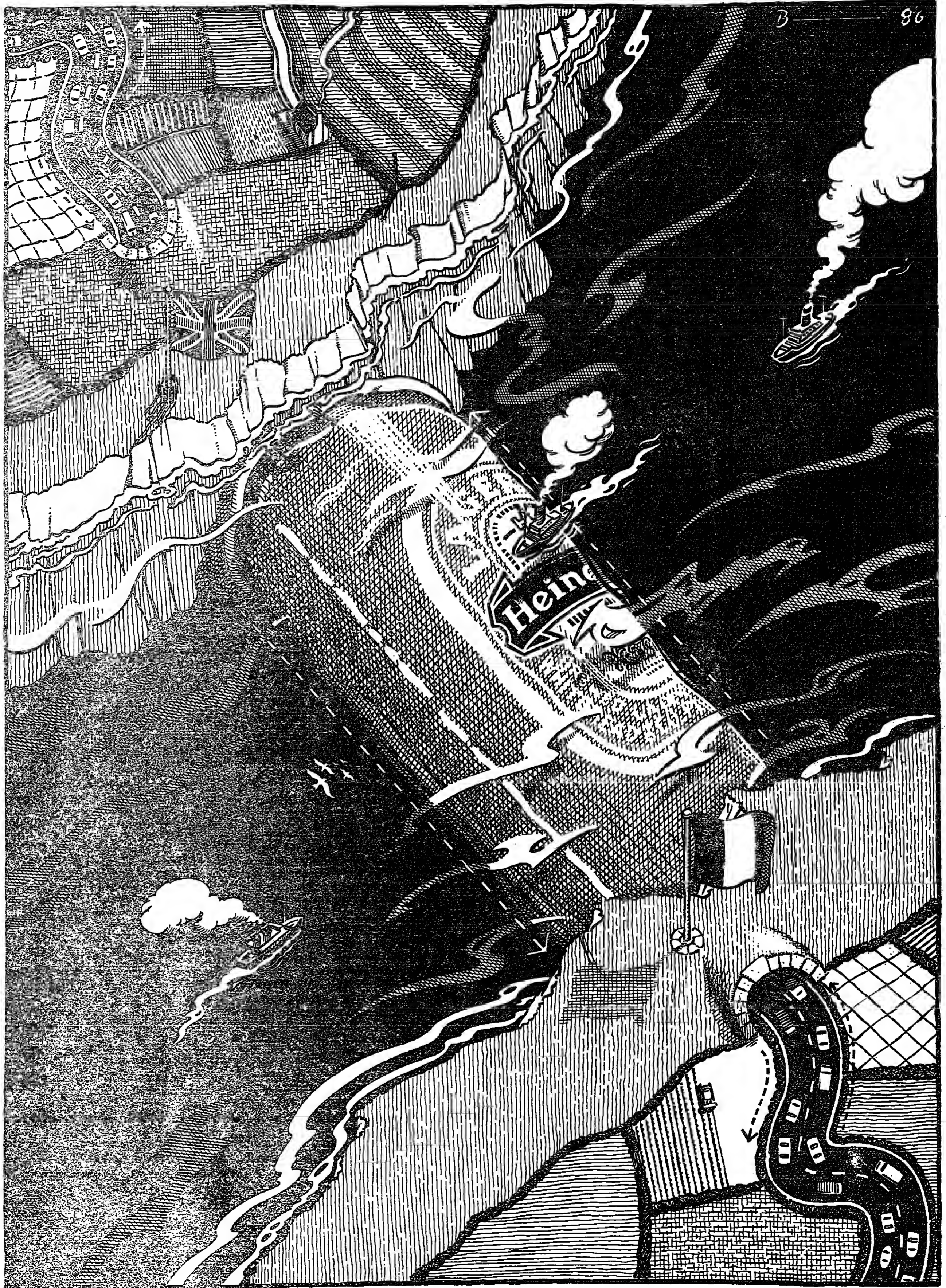
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The military coup in Lesotho

Where Chief Jonathan went wrong

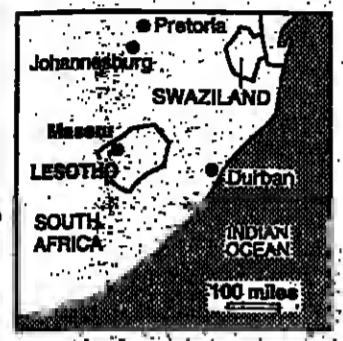
From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The military take-over of power in the small kingdom of Lesotho, after several weeks of tension and confusion, appears to have ended the career of one of the wildest political survivors on the southern African scene.

Chief Lesbia Jonathan, Lesotho's bubbly, bald, Prime Minister, now in his early 50s, had been in power since 1983, a year before his country obtained its independence after nearly 100 years as a British protectorate.

It is a moot point whether the removal of Chief Jonathan was engineered directly by Lesotho's giant neighbour, South Africa. It is fair to say that South African pressure, playing on internal divisions in Lesotho, have combined to produce an outcome that looks highly favourable to Pretoria.

The run-up to the latest turn of events began on New Year's Day, when the South Africans forced Lesotho into a state of virtual economic siege by imposing stringent security checks on all traffic entering the kingdom, causing long delays in supplies of food and petrol.



Population: 1,500,000 (1985). About 70 per cent of population, Christian, 30 per cent Roman Catholic. Official languages: English and Sesotho. Area: 11,700 square miles. Armed forces: No standing army, but Lesotho has private military unit estimated to have 1,480 men in 1983.

As the economic blockade - a term disputed by Pretoria - began to bite, Lesotho agreed to a South African request for the creation of a joint security committee. Major-General Justin Lekhanya, the commander of Lesotho's 1,500-man paramilitary force, was in a Lesotho delegation which visited Pretoria last Friday to discuss plans for the committee.

General Lekhanya is the head of the Military Council now governing the country. It is reasonably to speculate that the South Africans indulged to the general at the Pretoria meeting that he would have their support if he moved against Chief Jonathan.



Chief Jonathan: reprisals after his refusal to hand over ANC insurgents to Pretoria

The irony of the situation is that South Africa was largely responsible for putting Chief Jonathan into power in 1985. It is considered unlikely he would have won without their backing. For some years he was regarded as little more than Pretoria's puppet.

South Pole expedition to pay US rescue bill

The leader of the private British polar expedition which followed Captain Scott's path to the Antarctic, pledged yesterday to foot a £21,000 bill towards the cost of their rescue by the Americans.

Members of the British team were plucked from an iceflo after their support ship, the Southern Cross, sank in the Ross Sea.

The Footsteps of Scott expedition is to be asked to pay £21,000 for an eight-hour Hercules flight which took 26 people from the US McMurdo Sound base to Christchurch, New Zealand, the United States National Science Foundation said.

The Britons, led by Mr Robert Swan, aged 28, from Durham, regard the trip as successful but have been criticised for venturing on to the dangerous ice packs of the Antarctic which crushed their ship.

Asked to comment on the bill, Mr Swan, who has just arrived back in London, said: "It is going to have to be paid. We are a British expedition and we do not go around not paying our bills. We are very grateful for the assistance we received from the Americans."

Famine aid programme EEC to spend £67m on African farming

The EEC yesterday announced a £67 million programme for economic recovery in poor African states, with the aim of getting sub-Saharan agriculture on its feet and enabling famine-stricken areas to feed themselves.

Signor Lorenzo Natali, the EEC Commissioner for Co-operation and Development, said the programme would be funded by a "concentration of existing resources" rather than by raising additional money for African aid.

Signor Natali yesterday signed agreements on the economic rehabilitation programme with Ethiopia, Chad, Niger, Sudan, Mali and Mauritania. The EEC already has similar agreements with Angola and Mozambique.

Signor Natali said the Commission was asking EEC member-states to supplement the EEC programme, and France, West Germany, the Irish Republic and The Netherlands had promised to help. But only Italy had set aside a specific sum, pledging £8 million.

Total EEC aid to Africa amounts to \$4 billion (£2.8 billion) per year, but Europe is under pressure to do more. The new one-year programme includes the financing of railway

Experts say Air India Boeing exploded

Delhi (AFP) - Five top Indian scientists say in a report that an explosion in the front cargo section caused the Air India plane crash in the Atlantic last June which killed all 329 passengers.

Examination of holes and other features in retrieved sections of the airliner could have been caused only by shock waves and penetration of high-velocity fragments after a blast, sources quoted their report as saying.

Striptease gets blame for deaths

Tel Aviv (AP) - Residents of the small town of Kiryat Malachi in southern Israel are planning a day of fast and sacrifice to atone for a striptease show which a rabbi holds responsible for a wave of deaths.

Fatal firework

Naples (AP) - Two girls aged 10 and 12 and a middle-aged man were killed when a huge firework, lit during suburban celebrations to mark a saint's day exploded in the middle of a crowd.

Dynamite raid

Lima (Reuters) - Leftist-Tupac Amaru guerrillas threw sticks of dynamite at a hotel, a museum and three restaurants in the Peruvian capital.

Vineyard gloom

Vienna (Reuters) - Austria's vineyards, already hit by last year's wine-doctoring scandal, also had a bad grape harvest in 1985.

Biting the hand

Hong Kong (AFP) - A man had a tooth extracted at a dental clinic here then robbed the dentist of about £260 at knifepoint. He and an accomplice were jailed for five years.

Geldof courts French

The chairman of Band Aid, Bob Geldof, is to meet President Mitterrand on Wednesday to ask the French Government to exert pressure within the EEC for greater aid to western Sudan (Pant Valley writes).

Mr Geldof, who has been invited to the Elysee Palace for lunch, will also bring up the subject of the levels of French aid to its former colonies, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad, which he visited last year.

The pop singer is in France for the funeral of the French singer Daniel Balavoine, who was one of five people killed in a helicopter crash in Mali last week. M Balavoine, who was flying with the organizer of the Paris-Dakar rally, was a prominent figure in the French equivalent of Band Aid.

Madrid mourns its intellectual mayor

From Richard Wigg Madrid Señor Gonzalez, the Spanish Prime Minister, headed the thousands who yesterday paid their last respects here to Professor Enrique Tierno Galvan, one of the key figures of Spanish socialism since the Civil War and Mayor of Madrid, who died here on Sunday night.

His popularity was shown by the crowds queuing for hours yesterday all along the Calle Mayor, and snaking back the entire length again of the main street in the old part of the capital before they reached his body, laid out on a catafalque in the town hall.

Officials calculated that a million people who have filed past by the time of today's funeral service. Many carried a single red rose, the symbol of the Socialist Party, and some wept.

Professor Tierno was among the first to form a clandestine Socialist group in the latter years of the Franco regime, well before Señor Gonzalez helped revive the Socialist Party in exile. In those days, a call at his Madrid home was obligatory for any foreigner of journalist interested in Spain's future.

He was the second outstanding Mayor of a Spanish city to die this month. Professor Tierno and Señor Ramón Sainza de Varanda, Mayor of Saragossa since 1979, had both set out to reassure their citizens that the authorities genuinely cared for the quality of their lives.

Burns for Palladium on 100th birthday

New York - George Burns, the American comedian, was 90 yesterday and still going strong. He has signed a contract to appear at the London Palladium for two weeks in 1996 to mark his 100th birthday (Trevor Fishlock writes).

"You don't have to retire", he said. "That's for the birds. A guy retires at 65, he's still a kid."

Mr Burns, who has been on the stage for 82 years, leads an active life as a nightclub and television performer and says the secret of his longevity is that he enjoys his work.

"I never get nervous before a show. The audience may get nervous - they wonder if I am going to last for an hour."

The opening session was interrupted when Judge Kwem Vandijkhorst adjourned the trial until tomorrow after Mr Flip Jacobs, prosecuting inadvertently revealed the name of his first witness, whose identity he had wanted to keep secret.

Black South Africans deny treason charges

Delmas, South Africa (Reuters) - Twenty-two black South African dissidents were charged yesterday to face charges of murder and seeking to overthrow the country's white-dominated government by force.

The accused range in age from 21 to 61. Some have been in prison since September 1984, and all have been refused bail. They include former top officials of the United Democratic Front, the main internal group fighting apartheid, as well as little-known activists from Johannesburg, where the trial is the biggest such case for a century.

The charges, which carry a possible death penalty, were relatives and well-wishers crowded into a sweltering court at Delmas, a sleepy provincial town 40 miles east of Johannesburg, where the trial is the biggest such case for a century.

community associations in black townships in the Yeab-Frangie, south of Johannesburg. All face charges of treason and murder, which can carry the death penalty, and additional charges of terrorism, subversion and furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress (ANC).

Some of the accused replied nervously when asked to plead, but the UDF publicity secretary, Mr Terror Lekota, told the court firmly: "I plead not guilty, and I would like to reaffirm that my organization, the UDF, is committed to non-violent change."

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# Japan counters effects on UK of trade gap

From David Watts, Tokyo

Trade is likely to dominate the visit to London by Mr Shintaro Abe, the Japanese Foreign Minister, which begins today. The Soviet Union's new arms proposals and Japan's stance on the Strategic Defence Initiative are also likely to figure when Mr Abe sees Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe the Foreign Secretary today.

Mr Abe, fresh from his negotiations with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, will also seek Mrs Thatcher's co-operation at the May economic summit.

The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, has recently returned from a similar mission to Canada where the Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney, appears to have been non-committal in his response to suggestions that he might play the role of summit intermediary between President Reagan and President Mitterrand of France. The Japanese found Canadian thinking concentrated on their plans for a free trade area with the United States.

Mr Abe arrives at a time when the trade gap is once again widening. But he will be able to counter with several new manufacturing investments in Britain which help to alleviate the effect of Japan's trade surplus.

Japanese trade figures for the first 11 months of last year show a surplus of \$4.3 billion (£3 billion) compared with \$4.6 billion for the whole of 1984. Perhaps more significantly, British exports which recorded \$2.3 billion in sale in 1984 shrank to \$1.6 billion to the end of November last year leaving a Japanese surplus of \$2.7 billion for the 11 months.

uring 1985 two new manufacturing investments were announced, Komatsu's plant for heavy construction equipment and Brother Industries' for the making of electronic type-writers.

Mrs Thatcher no doubt will be asking for more and pressing the case of Tornado to fill the role of strike fighter in the Japanese Air Self-Defence Forces. A decision on the strike fighter order is expected this year and the other contenders are a domestically developed FSX aircraft and the McDonnell-Douglas F18 Hornet with the American F16 Fighting Falcon an outsider.

# Israel plays down hope of Middle East peace

The Hague (Reuter) - The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, briefed Dutch leaders yesterday on the latest efforts to secure peace in the Middle East, while his officials continued to dampen speculation about a breakthrough.

Mr Peres spoke into the early hours of the morning with the US Assistant Secretary of State, Mr Richard Murphy, who only a day earlier had seen King Hassan of Jordan for talks on an international forum for peace negotiations.

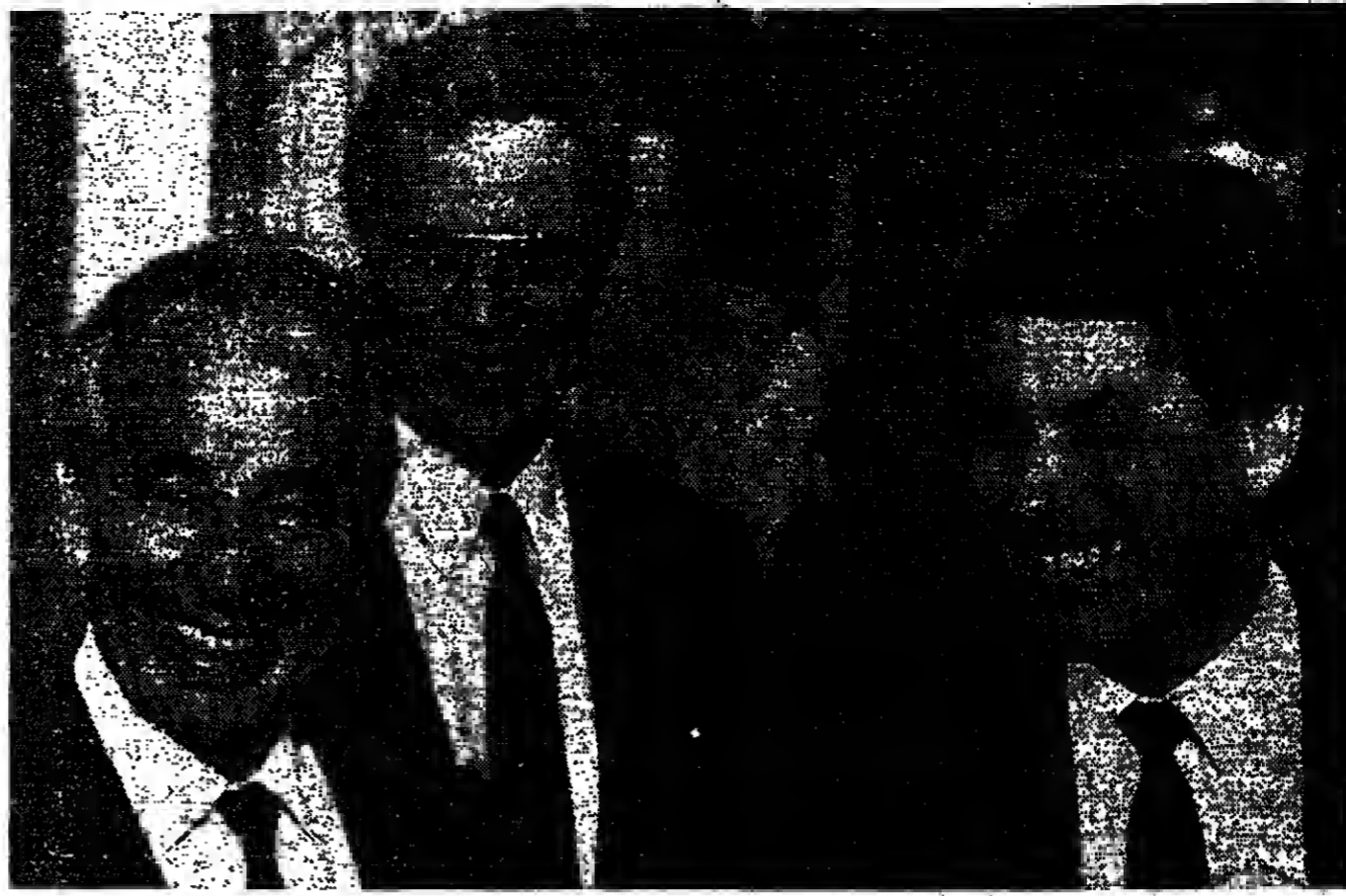
After a few hours' sleep, the Israeli leader, who began a 10-day European tour here on Sunday, saw the Dutch Prime Minister, Mr Ruud Lubbers, to bring him up to date on developments.

An Israeli spokesman said Mr Peres could meet Mr Murphy again this week when the two are in Britain, but he tried to counter suggestions that the series of meetings presaged a Jordan-Israel agreement on terms for peace negotiations. A senior official commented: "We are not on the verge of a major dramatic breakthrough."

Mr Peres said on Sunday that important problems remained in working out the format for the proposed international forum on the Middle East, and how the Palestinians would be represented.

One key question relating to the forum closely concerns The Netherlands, and Dutch officials suggested it may have been on the agenda when Mr Peres saw Mr Lubbers.

Israel insists that the Soviet Union can have no role in the forum unless the two countries have diplomatic relations.



Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister (left), before yesterday's talks at The Hague with his Dutch counterpart, Mr Ruud Lubbers (right), and the Foreign Minister, Mr Hans van den Broek.

# Israelis must tighten their belts further

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

All Israelis are going to have to put up with a great deal more austerity in the year ahead. That was the clear message from Mr Yitzhak Modai, Israel's Finance Minister, when he introduced his \$21,600 million (£14,790 million) budget in the Knesset (Parliament) yesterday.

The outline of the budget has been fought over inside the Cabinet for several weeks, and Mr Modai has made no concessions in his demands for cuts totalling \$800 million.

Subsidies on a whole range of goods are to be reduced, parents are going to have to pay the \$60 annual education levy for their children, old-age pensioners and the disabled will have restricted benefits, and 4,000 government employees will lose their jobs.

Military commanders are already complaining about the effects of reductions in the defence budget, which spends about a quarter of all the available money.

There will be some incentives to help the self-employed, but overall everyone is expected individually to make a contribution towards holding down government spending, check inflation and restore the economy.

Mr Modai knows that Labour Party members, who should support the coalition Government, are still threatening to vote against the proposals if cuts in education and health services are brought in. The

budget will be debated throughout the week.

Yesterday the trade union Histadrut Health Fund, which provides care for about 75 per cent of the population, announced that the Government currently owed it \$37 million and that it was running out of money to buy drugs.

Representatives of the country's 22,000 nurses have been threatening to strike from today unless they are given a better pay deal.

# Caution over further reforms in Hong Kong

From Mary Lee Peking

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who is on a four-day tour of China, said that in his discussions yesterday with officials in Peking they had "agreed to allow the system of indirect elections to Hong Kong's Legislative Council to settle down."

Observers say this suggests that Britain may not introduce any further political reforms towards representative government in Hong Kong unless they are approved by Peking, Mr Renton added. "Our ideas were closely in line with each other."

Mr Renton met Mr Zhou Nan, the Deputy Foreign Minister, who headed the Chinese team in the negotiations over Hong Kong, Mr Wn Xueqian, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Ji Pengfei, head of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office.

He said the issue of representative government in Hong Kong was discussed, but not in detail. "We agree above all on the need for consensus of a system that is evolving and at which will be laid down in the Basic Law (the post-1997 constitution) the Chinese are drafting for Hong Kong."

Asked why he and other British officials were now using the Chinese term "convergence" when in the past he had said it was up to the Hong Kong People to decide on the future political system, Mr Renton said: "We don't have any preconceived ideas nor do the Chinese... If you can come up with a better term, I'll use it. You must not see failures and sinister motives where they don't exist."

He said the status of non-Chinese Hong Kong residents - Indians, Pakistanis and Eurasians - was raised with Mr Ji. After 1977 the non-Chinese would become British Nationals (overseas), or BNOs, or have British overseas Citizen passports. "They will be able to apply to China for citizenship and his will be considered by the appropriate authorities in line with Chinese law."

He reiterated that China and Britain had a common interest in Hong Kong's continued stability and prosperity.

Describing Hong Kong as being "very inward-looking" on matters relating to its future, Mr Renton said that questions about the size of the British battalion and, later, the Chinese People's Liberation Army in the territory, as well as how the future Hong Kong Government can be made "accountable" to the legislature "are details which have to be worked out".

# Iran leader takes a look at Africa's front line states

Harare - President Ali Khamenei of Iran arrived yesterday for a three-day visit on the last leg of a tour of the southern African front-line states (Jan Raath writes).

He has already visited Tanzania, Mozambique and Angola during the past week.

A spokesman for the Iranian Embassy here said the President wanted to assess the situation in the countries most affected by South Africa, and to make contact with the liberation movements, particularly the Muslim groups involved in the struggle against the South African apartheid system.

Government officials are also expected to lobby support for Iran in its war with Iraq.

# Yugoslavia: Radomir Veljkovic

By Caroline Moorehead

A former Yugoslav army officer, forcibly retired in 1967 after repeated minor disagreements with the military authorities, has been confined in the psychiatric section of Belgrade Prison Hospital for more than 12 years. His name is Radomir Veljkovic and his family maintains that since his confinement he has been given drugs which have affected him mentally and physically.

In an appeal for his release, in the spring of 1983, they wrote: "We would draw attention to the fact that he committed his political offences in a moment of despair over having been prematurely retired and over many other injustices."

The "political offences" to which they referred were writes issued by Radomir Veljkovic between 1969 and 1972 accusing President Tito of responsibility for crimes and abuses allegedly committed by the state security police.

It was on account of these writings that Radomir Veljkovic was arrested and tried and, in March 1973, found guilty of

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"damaging the reputation of the state." The court at Sarajevo ruled that he was not accountable for his actions and was "dangerous to his surroundings". It ordered that he be compulsorily confined in a psychiatric institution.

Earlier, however, he had undergone a series of specialist examinations after he had problems finding work when he was discharged from the Army in 1967. From each, he emerged with a report stating that he was not suffering from any mental illness. In 1970 the neuropsychiatrist of Zvezica Medical Centre pronounced him sane.



Mr Veljkovic: Held for 12 years in psychiatric ward.

# Australian minister in London

## Delicate talks continue on clean-up of test sites

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Delicate negotiations on the recommendations of the Royal Commission into British nuclear tests in Australia are to continue in London after the arrival today of Senator Gareth Evans, the Australian Minister for Resources and Energy.

Canberra sources said Mr Evans was expected to meet Mr Norman Lamont, Minister for Defence Procurement, tomorrow morning as a follow-up to exploratory talks earlier this involving Australian and British officials.

Neither side has adopted an official position on the finding by the commission that Britain should pay for a new clean-up of nuclear test sites in Australia. But talks are likely to concentrate on the wording of the commission's recommendation that such an operation should render two contaminated sites in South Australia, Maralinga and Emu, "fit for unrestricted habitation by the traditional Aboriginal owners as soon as possible".

Maralinga is by far the more hazardous of the two sites, according to the commission, requiring continuing patrols to keep isolated a large quantity of radioactive waste, including more than 20kg of highly-toxic plutonium, plus uranium and Beryllium.

The commission considered a number of options in a clean-up of Maralinga, which it estimated could cost more than £110 million.

Probably more fertile ground for the talks at this stage would be the commission's proposal that a Maralinga commission be appointed from representative of Aboriginal group, and the British, Australian and South Australian government.

Its function would be to determine criteria for a clean-up and oversee it. The Australians will be hoping to hear that Britain is willing to Co-operate at least to this extent before Mr Evans leaves for the US after tomorrow's talks.

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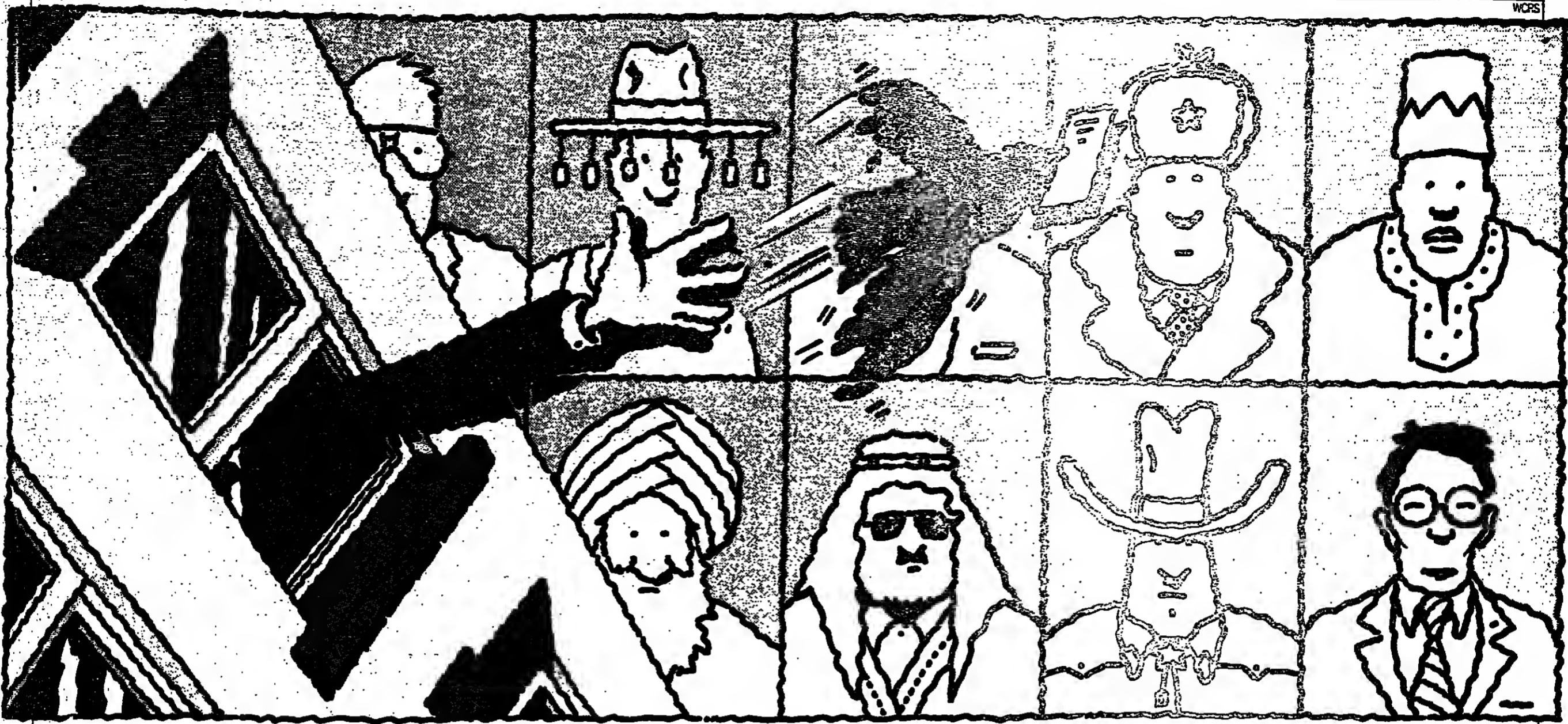
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Caution over further reforms in Hong Kong

From Mary Lee Peking  
The British government has warned that it will not support any further political reforms in Hong Kong unless the Chinese government shows the same flexibility in the negotiations as the British government has shown in the past.



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### Top Mafia accused dies from cancer

From John Earle Rome

The number of defendants in the Mafia trial opening in Palermo on February 10 has decreased to 474 with the death from cancer in a Swiss nursing home of one of the most prominent accused, Nino Salvo.

Signor Salvo, aged 57, was arrested in November 1984 together with his cousin, Signor Ignazio Salvo. They held a government concession to collect taxes in most of Sicily. A leading supporter of the Christian Democrats, Signor Nino at one time had the reputation of being able to make and break Sicilian regional governments.

The two were arrested on charges of Mafia activities as a result of the testimony of Signor Tommaso Buscetta, the former Mafia and Cosa Nostra leader who has turned state's evidence.

He will be a leading prosecution witness at the trial, the biggest involving the Mafia, for which a special high security courtroom has been built near Palermo's main prison. He accused Signor Nino Salvo of sheltering him after his escape from detention in Turin in 1980.

As Signor Salvo's health worsened, he was released from jail and was allowed last summer to seek specialist treatment at Bellinzona, in Italian-speaking Switzerland. His cousin has been put under house arrest. The two built up a business empire based on vineyards, tourism and real estate, but much of their assets have been put under sequestration.

### Joint troop exercises anger North Korea

From David Watts Tokyo

Tokyo - North Korea has suspended further contacts with the South for the duration of the annual South Korea US military exercises starting on February 10 (David Watts writes). After delaying the decision for some time, the two nations decided at the weekend to go ahead as planned with their Team Spirit exercises, involving 200,000 troops, which last until April. North Korea had earlier called on the South to cancel the manoeuvres as a gesture of good faith after reporting the cancellation of a northern exercise starting on February 1.

The announcement of Team Spirit was delayed for some time as though the South was considering its cancellation.

Had the South and Americans been willing to respond to the North it would have been difficult to call off the manoeuvres which were in an advanced stage of preparation. **SEOUL** - Two South Korea students have been sentenced to death for spying for North Korea and stirring social unrest (Reuter reports).

Yang Dong Hwa, aged 27, a student of Chosun University, and Kim Sung Han, aged 28, from Yonsei University, were found guilty of violating the country's national security law by passing political and social information to Pyongyang. They had been recruited by North Korean agents while studying in the US.

They were also convicted of causing anti-government and anti-US student demonstrations on university campuses in southern areas of the country.

### Hollywood comes to Silver Mountain

## Poles hitch ride on a White Dragon

Nothing glitters any more in Silver Mountain, a broken-down township perched on the Polish side of the Tatra range. Since the 17th century silver rush the community led a quiet existence, barely noticing the arrival of communism. It has three shops, a school, a bar and more goats than people. The conversation was limited to soccer, small-time smuggling (from Czechoslovakia) and snow - until a few weeks ago.

By Roger Boyes

Then in a caravan more appropriate to Tsar Peter the Great, Hollywood rode into town, with its cameramen, make-up experts, stunt men, and bustling production assistants with clip and clapperboards.

By Hollywood standards it was probably a discreet entry. Silver Mountain (Sreba Gora in Polish) reeled. Within hours the villagers were queuing to offer themselves and their goats as unpaid extras. The film men started to adapt the town, building a fake well in the centre.

The invaders had landed in Silver Mountain to shoot *White Dragon*, a fantasy film in the Steven Spielberg mould. The film is not astonishingly original: it is a fairy tale with a social conscience, deploying conventional devices.

These include a wizard, a dragon, murderous thugs employed by an evil magnate to get a brave hero, a pretty 16-year-old girl, a chase through caves, a happy, noisy ending. Just add sugar and stir.



A mystery white horse protects Allison Balson, who stars as a cave guide in the US-Polish fantasy film

Poland provides the director, the camera-work and the locations. CBS will distribute the film with the Americans taking

Legend Productions of Los Angeles supplies the stars, the script and some equipment. The crucial edge enjoyed by Poland is that it is a very cheap place to make films, boasting top directors Andrzej Wajda,

Krzysztof Zanussi and Janusz Morgenstern (the director of *White Dragon*), expert cameramen and technicians and adequate studios at bargain prices. The *White Dragon*, a full-length feature, will be made for a little over \$1 million.

"Nowadays", says Morgenstern "You would be lucky to produce a video spot for that amount." Allison Szpak, a Polish emigrant who is co-producing, reckons the film would have cost \$9 million to make elsewhere.

The advantage for Poland is in distribution and publicity. Polish films are still regarded as rather a specialist, exotic taste, hardly touching the consciousness of general audiences. The East Europeans have never managed to promote their films to mass European audiences. Under the co-production agreement, this is now the responsibility of CBS.

Director Morgenstern had the disadvantage of starting half way through the shooting because the original director Jerzy Domaradzki became ill. Despite her liking for Polish specialities, it was difficult to see how 16-year-old actress Allison Balson (who plays a beautiful blonde guide through the caves) managed to survive without cheeseburgers and peanut butter.

There are still worries such as whether the special effects will look professional enough but more East-West co-productions are on their way. Morgenstern has proposals from Britain and the United States.

And in Silver Mountain the villagers have decided to keep their fake well. In the bar gossip is about films. The bar, of course, has been repaved Bialy Smuk - *White Dragon*.

## Meeting fails to bring progress on India-Pakistan peace treaty

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

The latest round of talks here between the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan apparently failed to resolve differences on some of the key provisions of a proposed peace treaty.

Mr Romesh Bhandari, the Indian Foreign Secretary, said yesterday that, after fairly extensive discussions, Pakistan had given its alternative proposals which would be discussed again in March at a meeting of the Joint Ministerial Commission.

A comprehensive peace treaty has been under consideration by the Governments of Pakistan and India since late 1982. Pakistan has proposed a non-aggression pact and India a treaty of peace, friendship and co-operation.

The Foreign Ministers and Secretaries have held several meetings over the past year and hope to evolve a mutually acceptable draft peace treaty by marrying the two suggestions.

According to well-informed sources, India and Pakistan hold divergent views on the right of the two sides to have recourse to international forums, such as the United Nations, the event of a deadlock on bilateral issues.

Pakistan is known to have serious reservations on both these accounts, primarily because of the lingering Kashmir dispute and the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan. Mr Bhandari, sought, however, to reassure his Pakistani opposite number, Mr Niaz Naik, that the promised visit this year to Pakistan by the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, would not achieve a breakthrough in the peace treaty negotiations.

The setback in the treaty talks was somewhat offset by agreement on the substance of a legally binding undertaking between India and Pakistan not to attack each others' nuclear installations.

Agreement in principle had been reached between President Zia and Mr Gandhi in December. The Indian Foreign Secretary said he hoped that the agreement would be completed once certain technical details were sorted out.

A joint statement on the Foreign Secretaries' talks stated that both sides had agreed on the repatriation of civilian detainees in each country on completion of their sentences by the end of March this year.

## Delhi reshuffle to rejuvenate party

From Kuldip Nayyar, Delhi

A Cabinet reshuffle in the wake of a big shake-up in the ruling Congress (I) Party was intended to "rejuvenate and revitalize the party," Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister and president of the party, said yesterday.

Mr Arjun Singh, who was included in the Cabinet as Commerce Minister only two months ago after successfully negotiating an accord with the late Sant Harchand Singh Longowal on Punjab, was made vice-president of the ruling party.

He was reportedly punished for the tension and insecurity engendered by the question of Chandigarh's transfer to Punjab in lieu of yet-to-be demarcated Hindi-speaking villages in the state of Haryana.

Mr Shiv Shankar, an adviser of the Prime Minister on Punjab and other domestic matters, was appointed Commerce Minister.

Other changes in the Cabinet include: Mr Chandra Shekhar Singh, has been made Minister for Petroleum Affairs, the Oxford-Educated Mr P. Chidambaram has become Minister of State in charge of the Department of Personnel, and Mr P. A. Sangma, till recently in the Ministry of Home Affairs, has been appointed Minister of Labour. He replaces Mr T. Anjali, now one of the eight secretaries of the Congress (I) Party.

Mr Pranab Mukherjee, was dropped as Finance Minister by Mr Gandhi when he became Prime Minister in 1984, but was retained in the party's parliamentary board. He has lost his position on the board.

Mr Gandhi has also moved his two former parliamentary secretaries, Mr Oscar Fernandes and Mr Ahmed Patel, to the states as the Congress (I) Party chiefs, the former to Karnataka and the latter to Gujarat.

## Tense calm after Sikh temple clash Separatist hijackers face death

Delhi (Reuter) - A tense and uneasy calm held yesterday at Amritsar's Golden Temple, the Sikh's holiest shrine, as religious leaders and security forces sought to prevent another bloody clash between militant and moderate students.

Paramilitary forces had been rushed to Amritsar after violence and gunfire erupted on Sunday night, leaving three people wounded, plainclothes police searched the sprawling temple complex and pilgrim hostels in the city.

Earlier yesterday militants reoccupied a temple office from which they had been evicted on Sunday. Police said there was some scuffling.

The violence was sparked by rival plans to rebuild the Akal Takht, a temple building damaged when soldiers stormed the Golden Temple in June, 1984, to flush out Sikh separatist extremists.

The temple gunbattles heightened further the tension in Sikh-dominated Punjab where a language survey of 54 disputed villages was completed on Saturday to help resolve a bitter territorial squabble with neighbouring Haryana state.

Lahore (Reuter) - A Pakistan court yesterday sentenced three Indian Sikh separatists to death and seven others to life imprisonment for hijacking aircraft to Pakistan.

A special court judge, Mr Fazal Karim, acquitted four others and told the 10 they could appeal before the Lahore High Court within 30 days.

The Sikhs had hijacked two Indian airliners to Lahore, capital of Punjab province, in September, 1981, and July, 1984.

The three sentenced to death were from a group of nine who hijacked an Indian Airlines Airbus on July 5, 1984, to publicize a demand for a separate "Khalistan" Sikh homeland in India's Punjab state. Two of the group were sentenced to life imprisonment and four were acquitted.

All five Sikhs who hijacked an Indian Airlines 737 on September 29, 1981, were sentenced to life imprisonment. When the sentences were announced the Sikhs, who had pleaded not guilty, chanted: "Long live Khalistan", "Death to Indian imperialism" and "Death to Rajiv Gandhi".

## Heroine of Sandinistas

Managua (NYT) - The Nicaraguan Government plans to name a heroine of the Sandinista revolution, the Deputy Foreign Minister, Señorita Nora Astorga, as its chief delegate to the U.N.

An authoritative Government source said that Señorita Astorga's appointment would be officially announced in about a month. He said the Government had not decided on a new post for the present chief delegate, Señor Javier Chamorro Nora.

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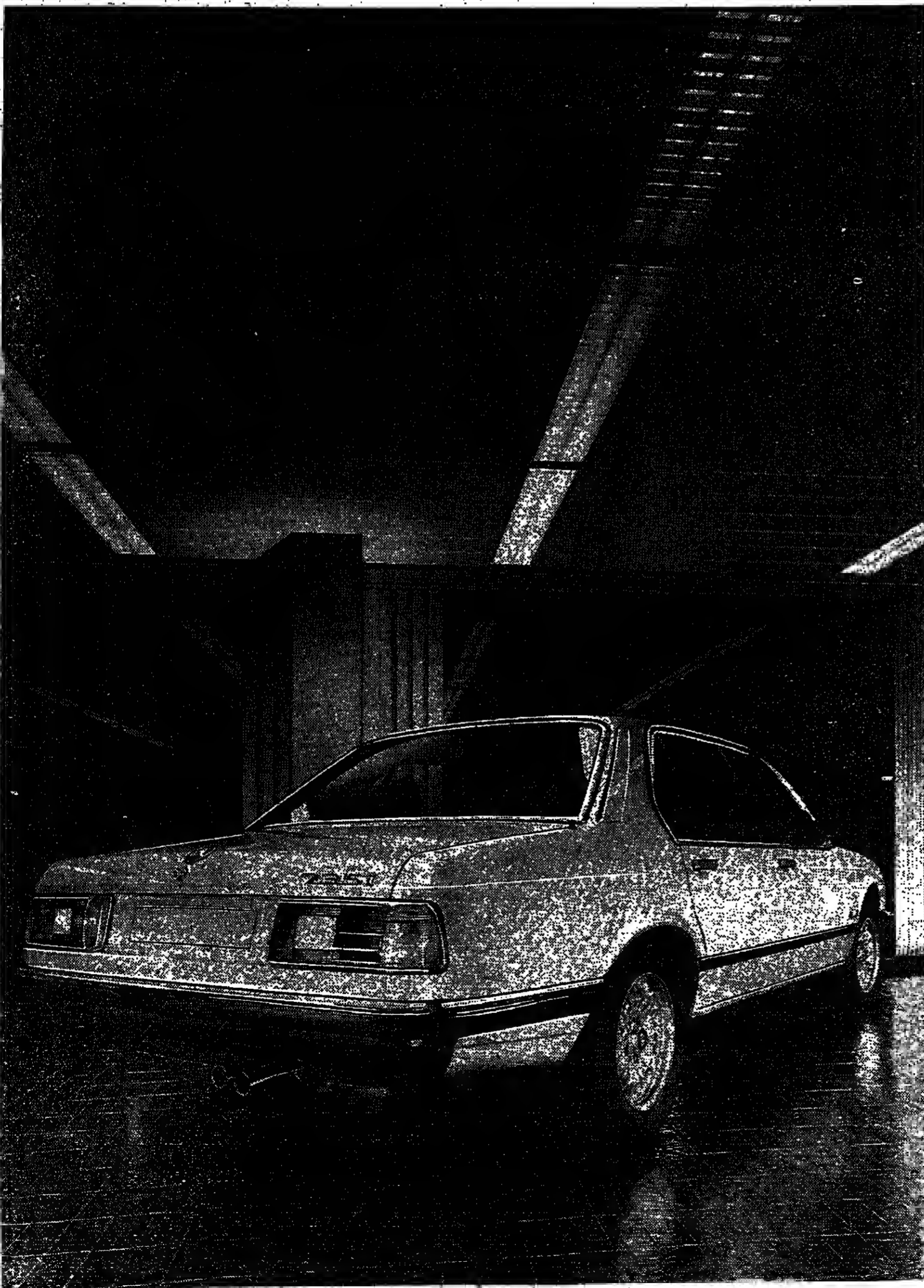
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Referendum threat

# Danish MPs likely to reject EEC reforms

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

A clear majority in the Folketing, Denmark's 179 seat Parliament, is expected to come out against Danish acceptance of the Luxembourg package of reforms of the EEC in a key vote today, plunging the country into a crisis with the other 11 member states of the Community.

The most likely outcome of the debate is the passing of a motion tabled by the opposition Social Democrats and supported by leftist and centrist parties, rejecting out of hand the reforms to the Treaty of Rome agreed by the heads of state in Luxembourg in December.

The motion could also call for Denmark's minority centre-right coalition, formed by four parties, to renegotiate the reforms.

It is highly doubtful whether the Luxembourg package can be renegotiated to suit Danish demands and Mr Poul Schluter, the Conservative Prime Minister, has threatened to call a national referendum on the Danish electorate's attitude to the Proposed reforms in late February or March, unless today's debate shows a broad parliamentary majority - including the Social Democrats, Denmark's biggest party, at present in opposition - for accepting them.

The powerful Social Democrats object to the reforms on the grounds that they bestow

increased power on the European Parliament and threaten Denmark's strict environmental policies and right of veto in EEC affairs.

Analysis here are puzzled about the quirky behaviour of the Social Democrats, whom they accuse of creating an unnecessary crisis for purely domestic and party political reasons by playing political poker with Denmark's future in the Community. Danish industry, agriculture and fisheries support the reforms, but the trade unions are deeply split.

Since the Conservative-led minority coalition came to power in 1982, after eight consecutive years of Social Democratic rule, the traditional parliamentary consensus between the main parties on foreign policy, notably membership of Nato and the EEC, has crumbled.

In opposition the often incoherent, divided and isolationist Social Democrats have forced Denmark to distance itself from Nato policies on missile deployment and now on the reforms, against declared policies of the centre right Government.

With its grave balance of payments and foreign debt problems and a generally shaky economy, most observers agree there is no practical alternative for Denmark to membership of the Community.

# Mounties accused of sexual harassment

From John Best, Ottawa

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) appeared to be in a quandary yesterday about how to deal with charges of sexual harassment and intimidation brought against the force by six present and former women members.

The six, all from British Columbia detachments, told the *Vancouver Province* at the weekend that female officers were leaving in record numbers because of discrimination.

One woman, who left after five years to work for the British Columbia provincial government, said: "I got tired of being propositioned by senior officers who thought you were a lesbian if you didn't and a slut if you did. When I complained I was told I had an attitude problem."

Wives of male officers made life difficult for another policeman until she got married. "The wives were unbelievable. They were all convinced you were sleeping with their husbands."

Still another, who has been with the RCMP for almost a decade, said: "I have had male members park outside my house so they could tell everybody who I was dating and who stayed overnight."

A spokesman at RCMP headquarters here said: "It's the first this office has heard about it. Without specifics names, times, places - there is not much we can do about it."

Since 1974 the RCMP has hired 800 policewomen, of whom 236 later left the force.



Mr Joseph Kennedy II, son of the late Robert Kennedy, and his wife Sheila look on as their son, Joseph, throws confetti after his father announced formally in Cambridge, Mass., that he would run for Congress.

# Top foreign policy priority

# US steps up the battle against 'low intensity warfare'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

American tourists are cancelling their trips to Egypt and Athens, US airlines are installing guards and cameras in their offices, diplomats drive to work in bullet-proof cars by circuitous routes, businessmen in bullet-proof vests jog under the eyes of their security guards, servicemen routinely look for bombs under their cars or run security checks on their foreign girlfriends. The American abroad has become a prime terrorist target.

Last year was one of the worst. Not only were there the spectacular hijackings of the Trans World Airlines flight 847 and the Achille Lauro cruise, with the murders of Robert Stethem and Leon Klinghoffer, but marines were shot dead in El Salvador, Americans killed and maimed in bomb attacks at Frankfurt, Rome and Vienna airports. US diplomats and journalists held hostage in Beirut, American businesses and interests threatened by urban terrorists in West Germany, Belgium and elsewhere around the globe.

The US is a prime target because of its extensive official and commercial presence overseas. Its policies, especially in the Middle East, are directly opposed by many terrorist groups. Pro-Western governments supported by the US are often those terrorists are trying to destabilize. And attacks against US targets guarantee publicity and exposure on the powerful US television networks.

Between 1975 and 1985, the State Department calculates, more than 5,000 terrorist incidents were recorded in the world: leaving roughly 4,000 people dead and 8,000 wounded. In the past decade almost 40 per cent were directed against Americans. In 1984 the US counted nearly 600 international terrorist incidents, an increase of 20 per cent on the average for the six previous years.

Risks International, one of many private security firms now advising US firms how to protect themselves abroad, gave the higher record figure of 3,525 serious terrorist acts for the year. It said 66 attacks, more than one a week, were staged against multinationals, 21 of which had a US connection.

The threat has shaken and angered all America. Fighting

terrorism, from any source, has become one of the Reagan Administration's top foreign policy priorities. President Reagan brought it up at the Geneva summit with Mr Mikhail Gorbachev. The President and Administration officials have repeatedly urged a tough stand by Nato allies. They have in return proposed the swifter extradition of terrorism with friendly foreign governments.

Air marshals are to travel on many American planes from now on. A \$365 million (£250 million) programme is underway to improve the physical security of US embassies and missions worldwide, and this year the number of security guards will be doubled.

The State Department has set up a high level office to combat terrorism. The Army is rapidly expanding the strength and training of the crack Delta force set up to deal with hijacking and hostage-taking. The Central Intelligence Agency is devoting ever more time and money to keeping track of terrorist groups, and has now built up formidable dossiers.

With the hardening of public opinion, responsible voices are calling for a return to cover action, for the clandestine sale of defective arms and bomb material that explodes in terrorists' faces, for assassination squads to track down and eliminate the most notorious terrorist leaders.

Nevertheless, the current US effort to protect its citizens overseas is being sharply criticized as inadequate. And increasingly protection overseas is being offered by the 100,000 security companies in the US, which are enjoying an unprecedented boom.

Catalogues list a portable "kidnap recovery system", a device to immobilize an attacker with a beam of light, a car giving off a 6,000 volt shock when touched, a "telephone handkerchief" that trans a woman's voice into a man's. Private security spending, now running at some \$22 billion a year, is 50 per cent higher than the total annual budgets for all US police departments and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

None of this will eliminate the threat, which officials here gloomily predict will grow. "Terrorism is a form of low-intensity warfare," Mr Robert Oakley, head of the State Department's anti-terrorism office, said recently. "It is not an easy one to fight. There are no magic weapons. There are no quick fixes. We are in the struggle for the duration."



terrorists formerly protected by political status such as members of the IRA.

Congress has passed the 1984 Act to Combat International Terrorism, which provides for rewards for the conviction of terrorists. The Export Administration Act restricts the sale of certain items to countries of terrorism. The Anti-Terrorism Assistance Programme allows the US Government to help train



Leon Klinghoffer: Achille Lauro victim

# Anti-corruption campaign continues

# Peking attacks 'unhealthy car mania'

From Mary Lee, Peking

The Communist Party's mouthpiece, the *People's Daily*, in its latest attack on high-level corruption, has highlighted the "unhealthy car mania" among senior officials.

In a commentary yesterday, the newspaper said the senior cadres of some organizations whose poor finances made payment of salaries difficult, nevertheless "puff" themselves up to borrow large sums to buy luxury cars.

Some institutions and state-owned enterprises, it said, have bought "teas of cars which can

form a motorcade". De luxe models of cars, it added, could even be seen in narrow streets of county towns, where rural cadres used to live frugally.

"What influence will such ostentation and extravagance have?" the commentary asked, citing the example of an unnamed bureau director who borrowed 100,000 yuan (£22,000) to buy an official car which was then crushed in an accident with a truck. "The 100,000 yuan could have been used to build a new primary school," it said.

In another story, the paper gave the example of a poor area in Jiangxi province where some

people still had insufficient food and clothing but whose departments purchased 117 cars with misappropriated funds and illegally retained profits.

Observers said that "car mania" was an easy target in the anti-corruption campaign. They doubted, however, whether any of the senior officials who had secured luxury cars in the past year would be punished.

The anti-luxury car campaign explained, however, why the 8,000 party, government and military officials who attended a two-day conference in early January on corruption, turned up at the Great Hall of the People in buses rather than in

their official limousines, diplomats said.

Meanwhile, observers are waiting to see which senior officials will be jailed or executed for breaking the law. The call to punish such offenders "unfailingly" was issued last weekend by Mr Hu Qili, heir apparent to the party General Secretary, Mr Hu Yaobang.

In a 1982 revision of the criminal law, state personnel who take advantage of their offices to commit various economic crimes or who extort or accept bribes can face life imprisonment or the death penalty.

# Rebels murder white farmer in Matabeleland

Harare - A 48-year-old white bachelor was shot and bayoneted to death by anti-Government guerrillas this weekend, police reported here (Jan Raath writes).

He was the fifth white to have been murdered to the troubled western provinces of Matabeleland in less than three months, most of them in the rolling countryside of Nyamandhlovu.

Local residents said the man, a railwayman named Gasporina, who also ran a farm in the district, was ambushed at dusk as he left his vehicle to open a gate on Umgusa Ranch where he was expected as a guest for the weekend.

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The short coat and the long cardigan were the stars of the Milan men's fashion shows.

The car coat is cut from a wide-shoulder line and worn with softly tapered trousers from pressed pleats at the waist. This moves the line for next winter closer to the body, without a violent change of silhouette. In the same mood, the boxy jacket is replaced by a neatly defined waist, by darts at the front and double vents making a come-back at the back. The double-breasted low-buttoned suit has become an Italian classic.

The car coat comes fitted from Versace, Soprani and Angelo Tarlazzi, whose first men's collection was sure and clean. His cyclamen pink duffel is high fashion. Ferré had longer coats shaped gracefully in at the waist for impressive chic. Versace had Diaghilev-inspired details: fake astrakhan collars in ruffled silk or curly sheepskin. Long coats came in blanket-checked tweed co-ordinated with knits from Valentino and Missoni.

Fabric is still the story from Italy. Novelty tweeds are inventive, jersey is the incoming fabric, and designers from Coveri to Armani take a shine to shimmer. Silver spots sparkle at Byblos; silver is woven with anthracite grey at Versace; rince makes sports parkas for Armani that ripple like shadows on water.

Armani had the clearest colours and the surest taste with his modern recreation of 1930s tweeds, with knits dabbed with peach and powder blue on grey. Missoni, in a new collection from Marzotto, used furrowed tweed like ploughed fields. Versace had spring flower colours from leaf green to iris for elongated, cashmere cardigans. Verrì Uomo flashed pink and lilac against pale tweeds and rich velvets.

The casual cardigan turned sophisticated in Valentino's black knit tuxedo with silk lapels. A cardigan knotted up at the waist made a male twinset for Tarlazzi, who also showed narrow, high-waist trousers. Coveri's V-neck cardigan was teamed with a polo-collared sweater. Valentino's with a tweedy shawl-collared cardigan. The horse was the knitwear theme for Basile's jockey sweaters and at Byblos, where knits, and prints, included Christmas card hunting scenes, as well as pattersal check, and shirts with prints toco and heraldic. The best knits were Armani's wizard stitchcraft on perfectly proportioned cream cashmere, broken cables from Basile, Versace's bright cardis gans and Missoni's coal black versions.

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Actor Geoffrey Burridge depicts Edwardian elegance in top hat and tails in the West End musical Gigi - but offstage his wardrobe is of a more relaxed style



At any party, Geoffrey Burridge thanks heaven for his tails. For the image he creates as the dashing Gallic Gaston in Gigi is now reflected in his wardrobe. "I went to Gigi after being at the National for two years", he says. "After I played the leader of the mob in Coriolanus in a filthy pair of jeans and a ripped T-shirt, all those changes of costume in Gigi seemed a delight." Geoffrey Burridge still wears jeans - his own well-laundered Levis - but he puts them with a sharp black cashmere jacket and a collar and tie. He forages for fashion in a second-hand shop in the theatreland where he finds the wing collared shirts and exquisite Edwardian accessories

which he wears in the play at the Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue. "The whole thing of role-playing as an actor is that you spend your life being dressed for a production", he says. "I am influenced by the Paris I play. When I was at the National, I rarely dressed up. Yet I remember when I was in a fringe show called Hollywood Babylon that was quite wild, scurrilous and sordid, I had to wear a 1950s sharkskin suit. I would never have bought such a thing, yet in the end I took it over. I will even wear it now with a black shirt, a bootlace tie and black patent shoes." Geoffrey Burridge in Gigi, with boulevardier accessories of top hat, gloves and cane, or sveite in a cafe au lait frock coat, looks every inch a period

piece. That delicately dated image was a hallmark, too, of his TV appearances in the BBC's Sons and Lovers and Testament of Youth. Yet the real Burridge has another role to play: dashing to the gym three times a week to work out, taking his voice class (he is trained as a singer) or arriving at the studio to be photographed in 1980s casual wear. "The other aspect of my role in Gigi is that, because the clothes are so stiff and formal, it is nice to relax", he says. His favourite trousers are by Katharine Hamnett: "No fly, no waistband, and just so comfortable." He believes in spending money on tailored clothes; he shops at Paul Smith which he likes for its thoroughbred



five-year-old Geoffrey changes like a chameleon as he slicks back his hair, twirls his cane and moulds his well-exercised body with tight trousers, waistcoat and tail coat. With his hair brushed, his tortoiseshell spectacles or even just in a quiet Prince of Wales check suit and formal shirt and tie, he looks sober and discreet. In Katharine Hamnett's cotton trousers and a big shirt he is playing the role nearest to his own life. The one constant of his appearance is the smile - a flash of white that lights up his face and looks particularly merry under the maitre d' idol moustache. For his career he is serious and committed, admitting that the West End's eight shows a week demand a lot of his coery

after the "luxury" of the National's two or three performances. He left Peter Hall's company in classic showbiz style, after he was star-spotted by Alan J. Lerner, while singing a late-night show of Jacques Brel songs. He does not, he says, join the showbiz party-ground. "Because I have to sing so much, if I'm tired the first thing that goes is my voice", he says. "The Gigi number is six minutes long, like an aria, and I'm on the stage on my own with no scenery except for one lamp post. I am totally exposed and I can't risk making a fool of myself." There is also the hat, which is twirled and outstretched, and finally hung up on the lamp post while our hero gets on with the serious business of singing.

Far left: Prince of Wales check jacket to suit by Romeo Gigli, £210, green and white striped cotton shirt, £65, both from Browns, South Molton Street, London W1. Purple and green silk printed tie, £24 from a selection at Paul Smith, 43 Floral Street, London WC2. Centre: White cotton shirt, £65, white cotton cricket trousers, £20, both by Katharine Hamnett from Jones, 71 Kings Road, SW3. Navy cotton work jacket, from Paul Smith, 43 Floral Street, WC2. Above: Orange and purple spotted silk shirt, £79, navy blue wool gaberdine trousers, £149.50, both by Jasper Conran from Browns, South Molton Street and Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Hair by Nicky Akill. Photographs by Nick Briggs

Colourful cheeks by computer

Gold balloons and yards of white satin were the props on a stage set to launch the latest cosmetic product from Elizabeth Arden. The co-stars in the Hollywood style production were a nine-foot-high aerosol can and the girl inside it. The can rotated, the lights were dimmed and out stepped Jacki Adams, the new face of Arden. She has been signed to an exclusive modelling contract, her all-American beauty symbolizing the glamour of a Dynasty-style advertising campaign. But the really important member of the cast at this glittering presentation was that aerosol can. At the touch of a button a coloured cloud of foam foundation appeared, looking like caramel mousse but not for consumption. It was designed to feed Jacki's face giving her a "healthy, luminous glow" until April when the Simply Perfect Mousse Make-up will join the rows of hair and bath mousse already in the shops.

In the supporting cast of Elizabeth Arden cosmetics is Elizabeth, a make-up computer equipped with a TV screen, a magic wand and a palette of push-button colours. In return for £10 she will paint your face to your specification and present you with three colour-coded sketches for three separate occasions. Elizabeth is on stage at Selfridges this weekend and will tour Harrods in February. Bananas, Watermelon and Indigo are some of the colours in a new cosmetic range formulated by Milton-Brown for Next. Colour co-ordination has already been the success story for the Next chain of shops and they have now taken the theme a step further for spring '86. Sleek grey packaging bearing a white Next logo yields lipsticks, blushers, eye and nail colours in delicious shades for reasonable prices, starting at £1.99 and selling in all branches from the beginning of February. By March, Next cosmetics will extend to a skin, hair and sun care range for both men and women.



Rebecca Tyrrel. All-American beauty: Jacki Adams at Elizabeth Arden

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The winning Channel Tunnel Group consortium faces a huge engineering challenge in launching its shuttle service by mid-1991

# The train takes the strain

The effect of yesterday's go-ahead for a fixed cross-Channel rail link could create up to 5,000 new jobs and secure the employment of 25,000 other workers

The Channel Tunnel will be the biggest civil engineering project this century. They are the words of Bill Shakespeare, one of the spokesmen for the Channel Tunnel Group. The claim was not exaggerated. What is not in doubt is the project's aim: to build a fixed link consisting of two single track tunnels, each with a diameter of 7.3 metres, and a service tunnel with a diameter of 4.5 metres between Britain and France, with access terminals at Cheriton, north-west of Folkestone, Kent, and Frethun, south-west of Calais. The tunnel's total length will be some 32 miles, or 50 kilometres, 37 of which will be below water.

What remains uncertain is whether the project can be completed within the limits of time and expense that the Channel Tunnel Group, the Anglo-French consortium which yesterday had its plan adopted by the governments of the two countries, put forward in its submission.

The CTG says the tunnel could be operational within four and a half years from the start of construction work. Given a year for final design and development work, the preparation and signing of an Anglo-French treaty for the project, the drafting and passing of enabling legislation and the completion of commercial contracts, that could mean the first shuttle trains arriving at their respective cross-Channel destinations in mid-1991.

CTG has costed the venture at £2,330 million, at 1985 prices, of which half would be spent on the tunnelling work. Here, changes in the rates of inflation, together with other economic variables, could add to costs, but the consortium is confident of its financial resources. The CTG group made

much of the lower cost of its scheme compared with its rivals for government approval, especially the bridge-tunnel, road and rail Euroroute scheme proposed by a group headed by Sir Nigel Brookes of Trafalgar House. That venture was variously costed at between £4,700 million and £7,500 million, including allowances for inflation.

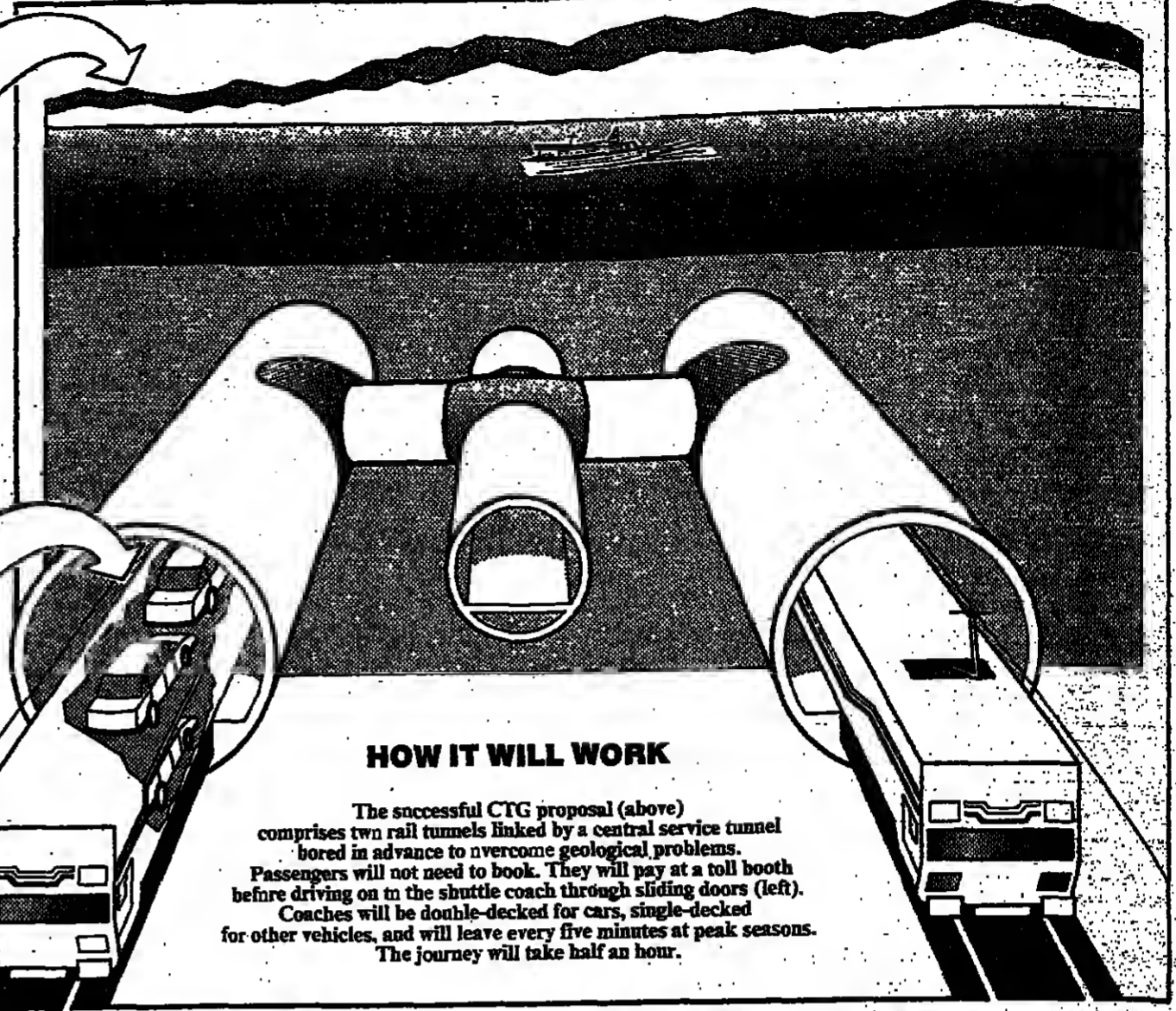
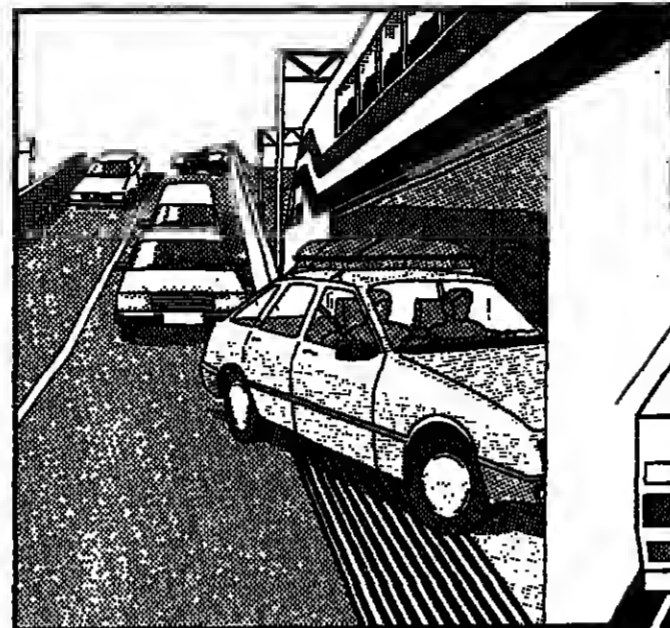
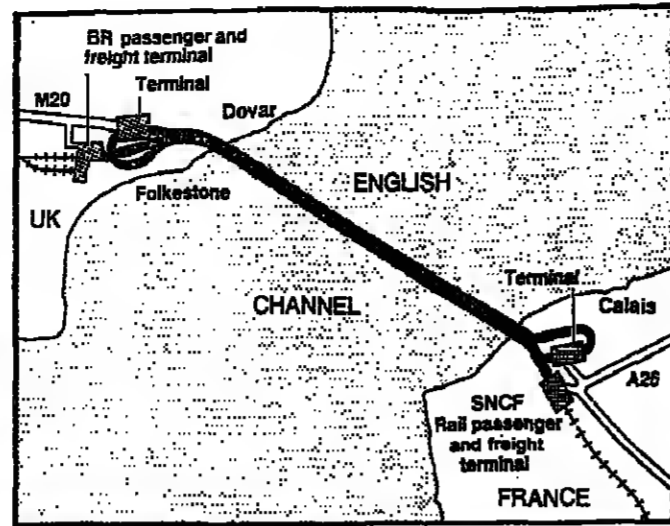
CTG's scheme appealed to the government-appointed assessors and ministers anxious to calculate the fixed link's potential political advantages, because it combined relatively low costs, borne by private investors, with comparatively fewer technological risks, and provided extra jobs, at least during the construction period.

The tunnel's engineering work will involve the creation of at least 5,000 jobs, CTG says, and will also involve about 25,000 other workers in Britain. CTG says the engineering and construction work will be spread across Britain, with contracts going to companies in the North, the Midlands, Scotland and Wales.

Last year, CTG estimated that £130 million-worth of pre-cast concrete tunnel linings would be required from companies in the Midlands and North of England. Reinforcing steel, worth some £15 million, would come from Wales and the North-east, while cast-iron tunnel linings from the Midlands and North-east are likely to be worth £30 million in orders.

The tunnel-boring equipment, together with remaining construction plant, will be bought from all parts of Britain, CTG says, but with most being made in the East Midlands and in Scotland. It is likely to be worth £100 million in orders.

Other raw materials, mostly cement and aggregates, will come from the South-east and



### HOW IT WILL WORK

The successful CTG proposal (above) comprises two rail tunnels linked by a central service tunnel bored in advance to overcome geological problems. Passengers will not need to book. They will pay at a toll booth before driving on to the shuttle coach through sliding doors (left). Coaches will be double-decked for cars, single-decked for other vehicles, and will leave every five minutes at peak seasons. The journey will take half an hour.

South-west, as well as from Wales, at an estimated cost of £30 million. A system to remove spoil from the tunnels is likely to come from Scotland and the North-west of England, and be worth £24 million.

Equipping the tunnel and providing specially built rolling stock for the rail link will add to the cost and provide extra jobs. Power, lighting, signalling and control equipment will be manufactured in the Midlands, the North-east and South-west, CTG says, at a cost of £27 million; £24 million is likely to be spent in the North and South-west on ventilation and cooling equipment.

Finally, the locomotives and rolling stock should provide work in the engineering industry in the Midlands and North-west. CGT expects to spend £160 million on them.

The French members of the consortium, linked under the title France Manche, predict that about the same number of jobs will be created, directly and indirectly, as in Britain, many in similar industries.

When work begins on the site at the Shakespeare Cliff, Dover, CTG will be able to take advantage of the extensive workings begun there, and at Sangatte, near Calais, in 1974.

The CTG consortium includes several large British civil engineering groups, Balfour Beatty, Costain, Tarmac, Taylor Woodrow and Wimpey, as well as some of their French counterparts. Even with their combined experience, the tunnel will present major engineering challenges.

One big advantage, though, is the geology of the Channel bed along the tunnel's route. A layer of lower chalk, subdivided into chalk marl, as well as white and grey chalk strata, runs between Britain and France at this point. Impervious to water, it is ideal tunnelling material.

Near the French coast, however, the tunnel will rise above the lower chalk layers, and a grouting technique, injecting a cement and clay mixture into the ground, will have to be employed before tunnel sections can be worked.

Gregory Neale

### FUNDING

Channel Tunnel Group's scheme in partnership with France-Manche is costed at £2.67 billion at current prices; but when all costs, like those of servicing bank loans, are taken into account the bill is expected to be £4.2 billion. In addition, another £1 billion is having to be secured as a contingency fund to cover any unexpected overruns on costs.

There are several main phases in raising the money. Already some £25 million has been spent and this together with about as much again is being injected by the founder shareholders in CTG.

On the British side, these include two of the high street banks, National Westminster and Midland, with five large construction companies. With smaller stakes are Granada and Mobil Oil.

In France the founder shareholders, in addition to five construction companies, include two banks, Credit Lyonnais and the Banque Nationale de Paris. When later this year the

second reading of the Channel Tunnel Bill is completed in the Commons, the intention is to float £150 million in equity financing to provide additional capital before the legislation is passed and the concession enters into force. Without parliamentary assent this should be done by March, 1987.

That is when the second big financing to foot the construction bills will take place. There are already promises of bank support to the extent of £4.2 billion. Some 34 international banks, including those which are founder shareholders, have made provisional commitments to provide up to this amount in development loans. The main backing is from European banks, but 13 Japanese banks have equalised their intention to put up £1.64 billion.

At the same time another £1 billion will be sought by share placings in London and Paris. In the United States CTG's interests are being looked after by Salomon Brothers; but so far there are no plans for direct share offerings on Wall Street. In a drive for as wide a public shareholding as possible the

main targets will, in addition to Europe, be the United States and Japan.

CTG is budgeting in the first full year of operation for an operating revenue in excess of £400 million against operational costs of some £80 million. On this basis there would be a dividend in the first 12 months, running into 1994, of 17 to 20 per cent, according to CTG. Subsequently the return is expected to be around 20 per cent.

CTG has been negotiating an option for £750 million from the European Investment Bank, but says that because of the big response from the international banks this may not be needed.

The bank loans are intended to be wiped off by the issue of loan paper. All loans are intended to be paid off over 18 years. CTG has given an undertaking to earmark the maximum of available earnings for shareholders' dividends. Those subscribing for the £150 million in shares later this year will get preferential treatment in recognition of extra risk.

Derek Harris

### THE LOSERS

Of the 10 entries in the fixed-link stakes those shortlisted, excluding the successful CTG, were Euroroute, a drive-through bridge and tunnel crossing with a separate rail tunnel; Eurobridge, a rail tunnel and drive-through tube bridge; and Channel Expressway, a road and rail tunnel.



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# Short, sharp - but a failure?

Nearly a year ago, military-style detention centres were adopted for young offenders - but the results have often been disappointing

The Conservatives voiced their enthusiasm at the 1979 party conference when William Whitelaw, then Home Secretary, announced the "short, sharp shock" for young offenders as part of the Tory drive for law and order. But those who applauded then would now probably be astonished and even angry if they could see what is really happening in at least one detention centre, where the hard line has been softened and boys are allowed such privileges as television and magazines.

Not only have the supposedly military-style detention centres been adapted to a less rigorous regime, with formal drills and extra physical education dropped, but they have failed to be effective deterrents, according to the Home Office. And a further irony is that punishments, including beatings, allegedly handed out by the boys themselves at kangaroo courts at one centre are far tougher than anything envisaged by the Government.

**'We don't have drill - we teach them to parade'**

Today, almost a year since the announcement that the experimental regime would be extended to all detention centres on March 6, 1985, the "short, sharp shock" remains the target of fierce criticism from penal reform groups.

The regimes had proved to be "one of the most clear-cut failures of modern penal policy", according to Ms Vivien Stern, director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.



leaving detention centres are known to be reconvicted within two years.

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The Government's shock tactics rhetoric conflicts with some deeply held traditions in the prison service. They centre on the wish to rehabilitate, embodied in Rule 1 of the prison rules: that emphasizes that prisoners should be encouraged and assisted to lead a good and useful life. Then there is Rule 4, which requires that offenders be assisted to develop personal resources and aptitudes.

But how can that be done in three weeks, the shortest supposed shock the court has available to them? The longest sentence may be four months, but courts are not making the fullest use of the centres. In December only 414 places were taken out of the 720 available in the six junior centres and 978 out of 1,197 in 11 senior ones.

Mr Paul Ripley, education officer, says: "All boys have elementary training at computer keyboards. We specialize in numeracy and literacy training with the computer as a tool. The boys are also taught do-it-yourself skills."

### DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DETAINEE

6.45 Kitchen boys wash and shave, make up bed pack, clean bed spaces.  
7.15 Dormitory inspection.  
7.20 Dining hall for breakfast.  
8.00 Prepare in locker room for work.  
8-8.15 Work parade and inspection. School parties go to physical education until 9.0, the rest to work.  
12.15 Canteen work. Roll check.  
12.30 Serve lunch. Mail distributed.  
13.00 Clothing exchange of ill-fitting garments.  
13.45 Work parade. Trainees go to classes, physical education or work.

16.45 Canteen work. Strip, wash before going to dormitory. Change from overalls into best prison uniform.  
17.00 To dining hall for tea.  
18.00 Disperse to evening classes, library or chapel.  
19.30 Evening classes cease. Trainees to dining hall for association, table tennis, and cards.  
20.15 Serve supper.  
20.50 To dormitories. Dormitory officers available to show how to fold kit, answer queries and discuss problems.  
21.10 Check dormitory numbers and hand over to night patrol.  
22.00 Lights out.

But alongside the official rules and discipline, boys say they learn from each other the hidden, harsher code of the kangaroo courts, with punishments meted out at secret sessions held by trainees. If anyone is found guilty of "grassing" or "nicking" - some of the worst offences against the underworld code - he is covered with a blanket while other detainees, wearing slippers, jump on him. The sting is taken out by the blanket and slippers, boys say. But if anyone is marked, he will claim to staff that it has been done accidentally.

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Officers' Association said that if they did go on they were well concealed. "Certainly we would stamp on it with a heavy foot."

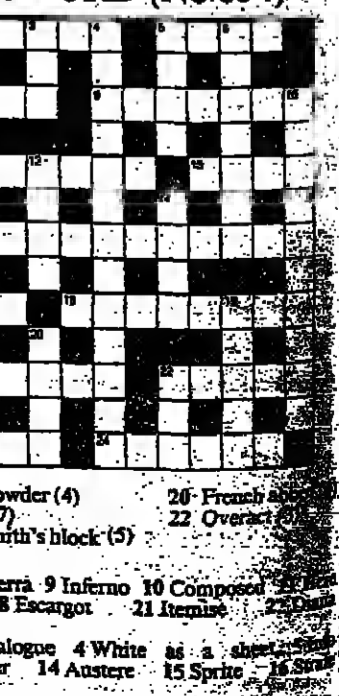
Whatton has not figured among which allegations have been made of mistreatment of trainees. Police are investigating allegations about Aldington, in Kent, and about Eastwood Park, near Bristol, and a formal inquiry has been held into an incident at the Usk centre in South Wales.

Other allegations have been made about Send in Surrey, but the Prison Department says they cannot be investigated because they were anonymous.

Peter Evans

### CONCISE CROSSWORD (No. 854)

ACROSS  
1 Roar (6)  
5 Effeminate (4)  
8 Decree (5)  
9 Stretch (7)  
11 Desire-free (8)  
13 Fall in drops (4)  
15 Sea scientist (13)  
17 Gostlike animal (4)  
18 Renounce (8)  
21 Sound measure (7)  
22 Shelter (5)  
23 Run away (4)  
24 Num's head cloth (6)  
DOWN  
2 Heath shrub (5)  
3 Permit (3)  
4 Salix Babylonica (7,6)  
5 Manage (4)  
6 Sovereign (7)  
7 Ingrained (4,6)  
10 Research (10)  
12 Figurative (4)  
13 Harum-scarum  
23 Element 24 Rhombus  
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16 Moral (7)  
18 Blacksmith's block (5)  
20 Overcast



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Hailsham's silent pillar

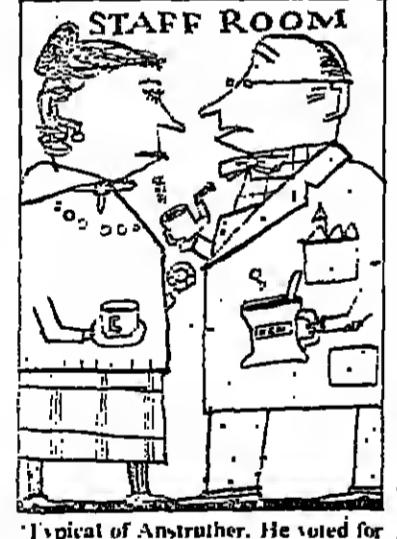
It is not only Mrs Thatcher who is authoritarian. Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, has just stopped Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, president of the Bar's senate, from participating in a Radio 4 investigation of the Bar called Pillars of Society on Thursday, on the ground that judges should not comment on matters of public controversy. This is the second time Browne-Wilkinson has been gagged. A year ago he was prevented by Hailsham from chairing a public debate on official secrets. Like Mrs T. Hailsham also takes revolt. Two other judges will take part in Thursday's programme. Lord Templeman has recorded an interview in which he bravely declares that barristers in many civil cases are "overpaid". He concedes that he has not observed the "Kilmuir guidelines" requiring judges to "seek the Lord Chancellor's advice" before speaking in public but he does not believe the guidelines apply to members of the House of Lords. The identity of the other judge is being kept secret by the BBC - for fear of Lord Hailsham's muzzie.

Royal ally

Prince Philip, I imagine, was rooting for Michael Heseltine as he fought to prevent an American deal with Westland. The prince recently wrote a foreword for a new magazine, Engineering Tomorrow, in which he asked seven searching and indignant questions about the ills of British industry. Question two: "Why is it that whole areas of engineering, such as cameras, consumer electronics, light aircraft, small aero-engines and helicopters have come to be dominated by foreign manufacturers?"

Party arts

Councillor Christine McKie, chairman of left-wing Southwark Council's leisure and recreation committee, seems to have taken to heart the Thatcherite plea to be your own boss. This year her committee is dispensing £33,000 to the Token Martial Arts Centre in the borough. The centre employs a development officer on an undisclosed salary. Yes, it's McKie. A council spokesman insists she has always declared her interest. She herself says she is "entitled to work where I want to. My opportunities should not be prejudiced by my work as a councillor."



Typical of Anstruther. He voted for a one-day strike during half-term.

Unaccountable

What further can be done in Liverpool sitting on? By law, all local authorities must submit accounts for their direct labour organizations within six months of the end of each financial year, and these must show a 3 per cent return on capital. Liverpool City Council runs three such organizations, all highly politicized. It has, I learn, yet to submit accounts for 1983/84, let alone 1984/85. The regional (and rival) Building Employers Federation has complained to the district auditor. However the Department of the Environment, mindful perhaps of recent confrontations with councilors, is singularly reluctant to press the matter. It is, says a spokesman, merely "aware of the problem" and has written "expressing concern".

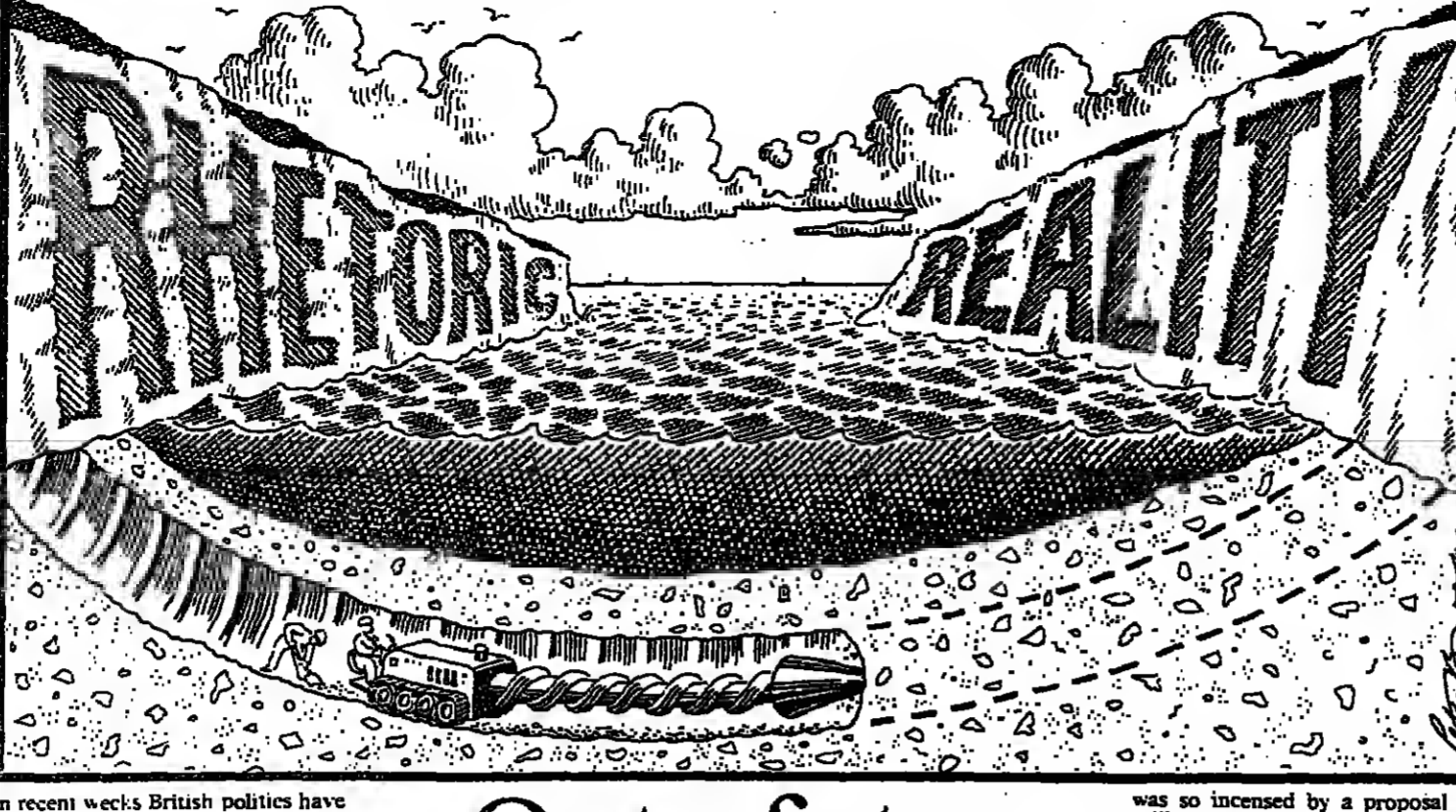
Arthur's aggro

Arthur Marshall, British ambassador in Aden, has become quite used to crises during his diplomatic career. He was in Athens when the colonels staged their coup in 1964, in Cyprus when the Turks invaded, and had his house blown up in Kuwait. He also spent 12 years in the navy, making him the ideal person to preside over our first "floating embassy" aboard the royal yacht.

Bad blood

If true, it would really set the cat amongst the pigeons. The Jerusalem paper *Shabhat* cites elders of a former Jewish community in Libya now transplanted to Israel - as saying that Colonel Gaddafi is Jewish. The evidence? His face, they say, bears a "remarkable resemblance" to that of a beautiful Jewish girl from that community who was kidnapped by a notorious desert thief called Ivan Lenegi. The strictly Orthodox paper chooses to disregard the wider implications of its "scoop": it cites the story as evidence of the dire consequences of intermarriage.

Agreeing to differ: Christopher Tugendhat looks beyond the Chunnel decision to reconciliation of national and EEC identity



Out of step to a united Europe

In recent weeks British politics have been wracked by the Westland dispute at the same time as ministers have been finalizing their decisions on the nature of the fixed link to be built across the Channel. Together, yesterday's meeting of prime minister and president in Paris and the Westland affair provide a fascinating illustration of British attitudes to Europe. In the battle of words over Westland a European cause has for the first time acquired both a popular and a populist ring, and the historic decision to link Britain physically with the Continent, far from provoking controversy, is being accepted in an almost matter-of-fact fashion. In the light of these events it is perhaps appropriate to take another look at those pregnant words which have in the past caused so much heart-searching in Britain - "community" and "European union". Paul-Henri Spaak, that great Belgian statesman who helped found the European Community, would have derived a good deal of encouragement from these events. "The best Europeans," he said, "are not those with the most beautiful, generous ideas who become discouraged when they fail to materialize. The good Europeans are those who know where the difficulties lie, who try to solve them, and who never allow themselves to become discouraged." Words are among the worst of those difficulties - especially "Community". It conjures up an image of a group of countries co-operating harmoniously in a range of common enterprises. Arguments seem contrary to all it stands for. Yet they are emblematic. As if to bridge the gap between what is and what should be, political leaders resort to astonishing flights of fancy. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, when president of France, was exceptionally jealous of his prerogatives, would always arrive last at meetings of heads of government to emphasize his unique status as a head of state, and for some time objected to the president of the Commission participating on equal terms in such meetings. Once in opposition, however, he proposed that Europe-wide elections be held to elect one national head of government to preside over all the rest in the Council of Ministers. Rows and arguments should in fact be regarded as part of the natural order in the EEC, like the perpetual struggles between president and Congress in the United States and between the representatives of different regions and interest groups in that vast country. In Washington they are accepted as an integral part of the process in which decisions are taken, political differences resolved, and all concerned reconciled to the inevitably untidy and compromise outcomes. It should be the same in the Community. The difference between the EEC and the United States is that in the Community the participants are sovereign states, not appendages of the same nation. What we have achieved in Western Europe is the replacement of traditional diplomatic inter-state relations by a political system in which sovereign states play the roles which, in a nation state, are taken by political parties, and in which interest groups work through the clash of governments rather than of elected representatives. The Community's achievement is to have created a group of countries which share the exercise of their own individual sovereignties in order to establish some areas of law that are binding on all their citizens; to take joint decisions that would once have been the exclusive preserve of individual governments, as in currency realignments in the European Monetary System; and to respond to external events.

A ladder that barely takes members off the ground

Only since 1979, therefore, has the Community had to grapple with the problem of a third major power trying simultaneously to adjust the original creation to its own needs while achieving parity with the other two. That in itself was bound to create problems. The words "European union" cause even more difficulty than the word "Community" in terms of the gap between rhetoric and reality. Chancellor Kohl, with his rhetorical flourishes about moving towards a United States of Europe, and President Mitterand, with his indications of French support for the European Parliament's draft treaty establishing a European union, keep alive the fiction that the EEC is some form of ladder towards a federation. But the modesty of their proposals at the recent intergovernmental conference shows how little relation their actions bear to their words. An example of what governments mean, as distinct from what they say, was provided in 1983 when the Commission proposed that the power to increase the Community's financial resources be transferred from national parliaments to the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament. Much was then being said of the need to increase the European Parliament's powers, and there was a means of doing so. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister and author with the then foreign minister of

There's a lot of rubbish around Westminster and Fleet Street these days. Well, don't agree quite so enthusiastically. I am talking about the use of "to rubbish" as a transitive verb. Examples: Denis Healey said Mrs Thatcher had rubbished the EEC summit; Canon Eric James spoke of those who rubbished the Faith in the City report; a leader in *The Times* asserted that Pope Leo XIII had rubbished Anglican orders, of all things, in 1896. That last item provoked a number of letters asking what was going on.

The answer is interesting. Most of our slang and new idiom originates in the United States, because there are more people speaking English over there and because, in many fields of science, innovation and fashion, they are the leaders. Rubbish as verb, however, comes from Australia, that rich geyser of vigorous slang. I have a friend, a professor of politics and therefore a student of

Rubbishing it in New words for old, by Philip Howard

language, who first met the word in New Zealand in 1962. A Kiwi student of his who had spent a year or two in Australia said during a seminar that somebody had rubbished an argument put forward by George Orwell. Neologism, neologism, a most peculiar neologism, thought the professor, and set it down in his tables. In fact the earliest written example of rubbish as verb found by either *Wilkes's Dictionary of Australian Colloquialisms* or the *OED Supplement* is 10 years older than that. It comes from an agreeably colourful Oz novel called *Riverlake*, published in 1953: "If Verity was going to tramp you for burning the tucker, he would have rubbished you long before this."

Digby Anderson How politicians aid and abet

Last week Labour announced a package of measures intended to reclaim the issues of law and order from the Conservatives. Labour increasingly understands both the electoral value of the issue and the fact that many victims of crime are among the poor. The announcement was well-timed, coming after the release of statistics showing another rise in crime, with nearly one third of males aged 28 having one or more convictions for serious offences, and rising public concern over offences such as rape.

One of Labour's problems is that, in the words of Tony Judge, a GLC councillor and editor of the *Police Federation* magazine, *Police*, "the police have become the whipping boy of the Labour Party" and the "police service feels completely apathetic towards the objectives of the Labour Party". Labour's reputation to the policing problems of the miners dispute, he says, had been "millimianous or deliberately dishonest".

As if to illustrate and perpetuate the problem, another speaker at the Fabian Society conference at which Judge spoke insisted on the importance of making the police more answerable to local council politicians and recruiting more homosexuals and one-sided nuclear disarmers into the force. "The Labour Party is seen as anti-police is only one of its problems. Another is its enslavement to theories which treat crime as the result of impersonal economic forces, also illustrated last week. Speaking of a survey which shows that 80 per cent of 14,000 London households have been hit by one of the polytechnic sociologists involved told *The London Standard*: "I'm not saying that the police should bear the brunt of controlling crime because they are not controllers of economic policies."

Crime, according to this theory, is caused not by criminals but by unemployment or inadequate government subsidies for housing. At its extreme, the blame-the-conditions-not-the-criminal theory is downright insulting to the man on low incomes who obeyed the law. The elderly, so often cited as poor and "inner city", are scarcely responsible for the crime wave. That is largely the responsibility of young males. Females, presumably as liable to poverty as their husbands and boy friends, have crime rates 80 per cent lower. The notion that societies or groups within societies subject to poverty, alcoholism, or relative crime, be expected to be orderly is historical and sociological nonsense. The Conservative Party is propagating a different but equally evasive nonsense, the Fortress Downing policy. "If innocent citizens have their houses burgled, they, the innocent victims, should buy and fit more locks. If they are attacked or raped, they should have attended judo classes. Perhaps they should not go out at night at all."

There is a short-term tactical sense to this, although to what extent it affects the form rather than the extent of crime we do not know, but it is morally perverted. What it and the Labour solutions ignore, but what is well-known to the man in the street, is that most crimes are wrong and their perpetrators at fault. Stealing, assault and rape are wrong, indeed widely perceived and

moreover... Miles Kington Stay alive with Confusathug

I knew a girl once who was returning on the New York subway late at night from a choir rehearsal uptown. Into her otherwise empty coach climbed three large black New Yorkers who looked bent on taking her valuables away and distributing them among the poor. Without thinking, she opened her music and started singing in a very loud voice, manically and non-stop. The three gentlemen retreated to a corner and got off hastily at the next stop. Mort Sahl (whatever happened to that fine comedian?) gave another example of this approach to dealing with assailants. He was stopped by a gang, again late at night in New York. Before they could even enunciate their demands, he claims, he put his arms round one of them and said: "Boys, am I glad to see you! I admire your free, buccanering way of life. For too long I have been a boring member of the middle classes - now at last my chance to break away. Let me, I beseech you, join you and be one of your number!" They too melted away into the night, baffled.

The moral is that if we are attacked, the only safe response is to react unexpectedly and somewhat madly - anything, in fact, but look frightened or antagonistic. But do you know how you would react? Have you got a line of action planned in advance? I have ventured to draw up a list of possible tactics from which you might care to choose and practise in private. 1. Clutch the left side of your chest and start staggering. "Oh God, my heart! You devil, I'm going to have a heart attack. This is my second year, and the doctor said..." Faced with a possible murder charge, the average medically aware attacker will scarp. 2. Start unscrapping as fast as you can, throwing your clothes in an angry heap on the pavement. At the same time declaim the following monologue: "All right, all right! You want it, you take it. Have everything I do!" Care, I just don't care any more. Take everything I've got! This is effective on two counts. On the average criminal is as embarrassed by nudity as any other decent Britisher, especially if you have an unimpressive body, and which of us hasn't? Two, even if he





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On January 20 the Government obtained a majority of 76 in the Commons on a vote to cancel the Channel Tunnel project...

IT IS RIGHT TO CANCEL

The fact that the Government appear to have been a trifle precipitate even opportunist, in the manner in which the Channel tunnel has been abandoned does not alter the rightness of the decision to abandon. Formal notice by the tunnel companies on January 2 that they had notified the Government to fail to ratify the Anglo-French Treaty was deemed by them to constitute abandonment...

TUNNEL GREEN LIGHT

The historic day when President Mitterrand and Mrs Thatcher agreed on the fixed link between Britain and France proved an anticlimax for the British. The choice of the technically and financially safe rail-only tunnel is bound to be seen as another defeat for Mrs Thatcher at the hands of the unbending French.

In the end, Mrs Thatcher was given little in the way of a face-saver. The possibility of a parallel road link will be considered only in the year 2,000. That is understandable since the economics of the chosen Anglo-French scheme depend on a shuttle service for road vehicles as much as on pure rail traffic.

The chosen scheme bears a resemblance, even if largely superficial, to the scheme abandoned a decade ago. It lacks the grand sweep and exciting technical innovation of some of the projects proffered, most notably EuroRoute, which made use of the civil engineering concepts pioneered and later perfected in the exploitation of North Sea oil.

Any sense of bathos thus inspired should, however, be short-lived. It can be put to one side and forgotten. The choice, and indeed the collaborative process of choice - was bound to be a dual one between Britain and France. The symbolism of our greater physical involvement with our partners in the European Community was, after all, a main spring of the Government's political commitment to a fixed link.

It was therefore logical for French support to be put behind the safest option least likely to disrupt existing local business, and to exploit the great investment that country has made in advanced railways. And that coalition supports the British Government's insistence that the privately funded project should make no direct call on public funds.

The project that has emerged has every chance of engineering and financial success, since it uses known techniques. The public can start with some confidence that it will not end up as a glorious failure such as Concorde. It is a workmanlike enterprise that is likely to make a considerable impact on trade and travellers from 1993 onwards and fulfil the vision of joining Britain to the continent as effectively, and with as strong an impact on trade, as any of the more adventurous ideas.

The inhabitants of Kent, for instance, will want to know what kind of planning response is to be made to the inevitable pressure to build everything - from housing and warehousing to factories - as near as possible to this exciting new transport corridor. That is not simply a question of controlling the blight to the garden of England. In parts of the county, dockyards, railway works and coalmines have declined and new jobs are needed.

The implications for British Rail also need new thought. France will build high-speed track to Calais to speed the new jointly planned trains from London to Paris and Brussels. British Rail while welcoming the boost to both passenger and freight traffic that the link should bring, is not counting on these facilities being reproduced in South-East England.

Business and industry too, will need to do plenty of pre-planning. Big cuts in journey times and costs will genuinely make the continent nearer, for business of all kinds (including potential new forms of bulk exports) as well as for the travelling holidaymaker.

A TIGHT SCHEDULE FOR MR PERES

Israel's prime minister Shimon Peres arrives in Britain tonight, supposedly a disappointed yet hopeful man. The disappointment springs from the way in which the Middle East peace process has run into the sand; his hope from the belief that it may not yet be too late to re-direct its course.

On the one hand he seems to need all the help he can get. Israel has shown greater flexibility under his leadership, agreeing in principle to talks with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation which could even include members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) - as long as they had no links with terrorism.

Anglo-Israeli relations have improved since the invasion of Lebanon three years ago, when they sank to a subsistence level. Most recently the Foreign Office redeemed Britain's reputation in Israeli eyes by cancelling the controversial meeting with two Palestinians in London last October when the latter refused to subscribe to a statement on Israel's right to exist.

The person who has most recently disappointed Jerusalem is King Husain of Jordan, who has failed to move as far or as fast as Israelis would like towards the setting up of direct peace talks. It is said that the main reason Mr Peres is hoping for so much from his London visit lies in Britain's continuing influence in the Arab world and its particularly close links with Jordan.

On the other hand, it must be questioned whether the Israelis are really hoping for as much from Mrs Thatcher as they aver. Britain has long been suspected by Jerusalem of being too "soft" on the PLO. And while Israelis were relieved by the cancellation of last October's meeting in London, they had been less than pleased with Britain for setting it up in the first place.

Mr Peres is looking for the kind of prestige visit which will underpin his political future at home as much as his policies abroad. It will balance Mrs Thatcher's to Egypt and Jordan last September, and easily outweigh the working trip paid by Mr Shamir to Britain three months earlier when he was given a straight talking to at Number Ten.

Most of all, suppliers as well as consortium members will need to use their best efforts if the tunnel is to beat the old jinx of mainland projects and be built on time and to cost. That would be as great a symbol of changing attitudes as the commitment to the project itself.

Damaging effects of science 'brain drain'

From Professor J. H. Subak-Sharpe and Dr H. S. Marsden

Sir, On January 13 you published a half-page advertisement expressing concern for the state of British science, headed "Save British Science".

This institute studies viruses which infect humans and is involved in basic research at the interface between science and medicine. It enjoys a high international reputation in a rapidly expanding field and its graduating PhDs are much sought by both academia and industry.

We have some of our PhD graduates and those of our other British universities at scientific meetings in the USA. What particularly concerns us is that not only do the majority now wish to remain and work there, but they profess a

loss of confidence in the prospect of a successful future career in science in Britain. Moreover, as teachers and research scientists, it would be irresponsible of us at present to reassure our young and promising colleagues.

Our research area, the molecular biology and molecular genetics of viruses, is a field of current scientific excitement. The research involves protein, nucleic acid and recombinant DNA technology. Developments in these areas are essential to the biotechnology industry, which is widely expected to contribute substantially to the nation's future prosperity and employment prospects.

In our opinion the attitudes of successive governments and particularly the policy of the present Government in under-funding basic science, is damaging the ostio of potential for future effective research. This in turn may disadvantage the UK relative to its industrial competitors.

There can only be confusion, administratively, between the Ministry of Agriculture's interest in conservation, which you describe as "unchallengeable", and Mr Waldegrave's "aggrandizing bid" for his department.

Surely the doctrine of "creative tension" received its death blow from the collapse of the Ministry of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Economic Affairs, set up on this principle in 1964!

Should not the change in the structure of the countryside and the nature of its problems since the Ministry of Agriculture was set up in 1919 be reflected in the creation of a Department of Rural Affairs, taking over the present functions of the ministry, Mr Waldegrave's functions at the Department of the Environment and, perhaps, certain specifically rural functions of other departments? Such departments exist in other countries. And the possibility was considered, but rejected, by the Haldane committee to the different circumstances of 1919.

The green debate

From Mr Hugh Gardner

Sir, Your leader (January 8) welcoming Mr Waldegrave's activism in rural affairs overlooks what is, to me, the obvious solution to current conflicts.

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Art and design apart

From the Curator of the Royal Academy Schools

Sir, While welcoming the reassurance given by the Chairman of the Board of the National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education (January 15) that NAB's planning for 1987/88 must take into account the extent of any resultant damage through reduction, I greatly regret that his letter does nothing to allay my concern, strongly reinforced by your subsequent correspondence, about the damage to be expected from separating art and design.

Having served on his Art and Design Working Group since it was formed in 1982, I can assure you that I always expected, and certainly grew accustomed to, but most emphatically did not resign over, the "difficult circumstances" which he describes.

I resigned, Sir, because of his board's decision on separation, which I believed to be wrong, because that decision was taken in spite of the view of the Art and Design Working Group; because that view was supported by the opinion of specialist bodies, sought by NAB and received by the group; and, finally, because I felt I had to do what I could - which I could not do as a member of the group - to bring the board's attention to the strength of feeling on this issue.

In view of the most difficult matters which NAB will now be contending with, it is to be very much hoped that the decision on separation may yet be reconsidered, so as to ensure, in Mr Ball's own words, that "the reduction in provision is brought about with minimum damage".

Smoking in Norway

From Mr A. D. C. Turner

Sir, Scottish MP, Mr George Foulkes has been widely reported as wishing to introduce a Bill to outlaw smoking in almost every conceivable public place.

Mr Charles rightly implies that a more powerful weapon carries more danger, but we cannot risk - or encourage - a Rome or Vienna massacre by burying our heads. The weapons chosen and the men who will use them are first-class. Our aim is to minimise the risk to innocent bystanders caught up in any terrorist attack by significantly reducing a terrorist's capacity to inflict injury and death.

Unfair dismissals

From Mr John Connell

Sir, I had some hope or perhaps, in retrospect, a naive belief that the concept of unfair dismissal appearing for the first time in the Industrial Relations Act of 1971 would go some way to enhance the status and dignity of the employee.

In some twenty years as a manager in large power station construction, I never had occasion to dismiss an employee. There were many problems, but to have resorted to the weapon of dismissal, the easy way out, would have been, in my view, an indication of managerial failure.

Call for a wildlife 'living classroom'

From Mr Roger Wheeler

Sir, Unless current world trends are reversed, two out of every five species of fish, birds and reptiles will become extinct in 20 years. Crises of this nature are visible all across the world and British zoos are now joining forces with their overseas counterparts in an international effort to save endangered species.

These species include Przewalski's Horse, the European Bison, Père David's Deer, the Arabian Oryx, the Golden Lion Tamarin, the Hawaiian Goose and the Round Island Gecko. All are now extinct or on the very edge of extinction in the wild, saved by zoos and bred in sufficient numbers to return them to the wild.

Zoos should be viewed as being a "living classroom" as only by coming into close proximity with some of these strange but delightful creatures can we draw attention to their plight and really begin to appreciate the irreversible loss and future potential losses across the board - from hutteries to the big cats.

Of course, human interference in the natural habitat of many of these species is often the major cause of their potential extinction. Hence, before reintroduction schemes can be carried out essential ground-work must be completed. Before the recent reintroduction of the Scimitar-horned Oryx to Tunisia, eight years of preparation work took place to "reclaim" 2,400 hectares suitable for the herd and other compatible animals. It is important that this aspect should be taken into account before proper conservation reintroduction schemes can take place.

To the meantime, zoos act as land-basedarks where species can be preserved and strengthened by careful captive breeding programmes until the time when secure natural habitats can be found. Further action is needed now, on a worldwide scale, both to conservation and education.

BP shipping

From Mr A. M. B. Bell

Sir, BP's shipping division has announced (report, January 9) that it is flagging out, moving 25 ships from the UK registry and making 1,690 seafarers redundant.

This move, which involves third-party "agency manning", will, it is claimed, save our company £10-£12 million a year and has been done with no apparent consultation with anyone except three foreign companies, one each in Switzerland, Hong Kong and Bermuda.

Do you suppose that the BP management will have the gall to continue to prefix our ships names with the title British? As a shareholder, can I suggest FOC (Flag of Convenience) substitutes; the first to be renamed could be British Success.

In the bag

From Mr M. E. Ewart-James

Sir, I understand that the Lord Chancellor has indicated that the Woolpack is becoming progressively more uncomfortable and needs renewal. The House of Lords is reported to be undecided between wool and horsehair as stuffing.

Staying power

From Mr J. B. Sloan

Sir, I still use daily a pair of hair brushes bought in 1944 from the Naafi shop in Kasr-el-Nil barracks, Cairo, which are much closer to their true state than the head they tend now.

Far festive fare

From the Rev T. R. Haggis

Sir May I reassure Mr A. M. T. Sanders' brother (January 14) that he is not alone in having had difficulty in getting a haggis into the United States. On a visit a few years ago I was delayed some considerable time at New York's JFK airport while a suspicious immigration official checked on the validity of my visa. At least I wasn't mistaken for a salami!

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Guns at Heathrow

From Deputy Assistant Commissioner R. B. Wells

Sir, Phillip Charles and Martyr John (January 15) express concern at the armed officers at Heathrow. I share their concern and regret the necessity.

Mr Charles rightly implies that a more powerful weapon carries more danger, but we cannot risk - or encourage - a Rome or Vienna massacre by burying our heads. The weapons chosen and the men who will use them are first-class. Our aim is to minimise the risk to innocent bystanders caught up in any terrorist attack by significantly reducing a terrorist's capacity to inflict injury and death.

Mr John argues his case, with which we do not agree, from three instances widely separated by time and place. All such incidents are given a dramatically high profile and must be weighed against the less advertised but growing use of firearms by criminals, as well as our own reluctant, but increasing, response.

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Yours faithfully, VIVIAN ANTHONY, Headmaster, Colfe's School, Horn Park Lane, SE12, January 15.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WELLS, Director of Public Affairs, New Scotland Yard, Broadway, SW1.

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COURT AND SOCIAL



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SANDRINGHAM
January 20: Sir Peter Miles had the honour of being received by The Queen this evening when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, will host a reception at Kensington Palace on February 26. The Duke of Kent will visit Bombay in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference from May 8 to 11.

Forthcoming marriages

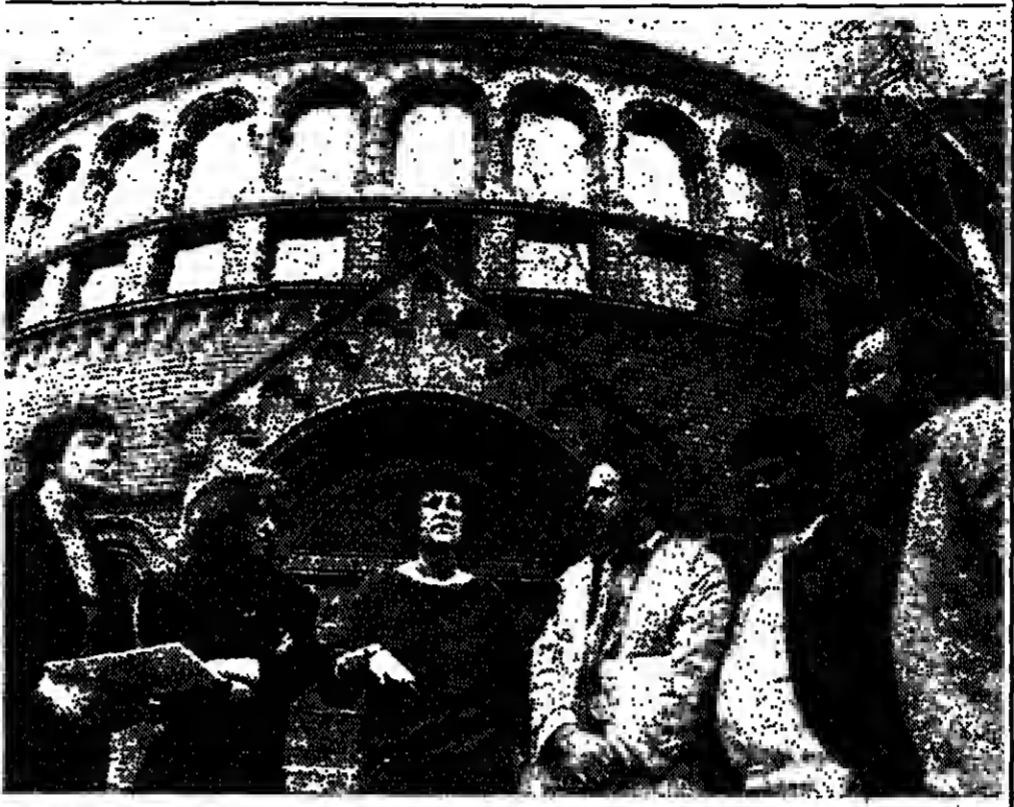
Mr S. R. Marston and Miss P. J. Owen
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Lord Morrison, of 6 Carlton Terrace, Edinburgh, and Mrs L. Morrison, of Cranford, Edinburgh, and Penelope, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. Owen, of Westland Green, Little Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Architecture
Gallery decision imminent

By Charles Knevit, Architecture Correspondent

The architect of the Hampton site extension to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square was thought likely to be commissioned yesterday although his name will not be announced immediately.

It is believed that three of the designs have a marked classical theme to sympathize with the neo-classical facade of the present gallery by William Wilkins. Mr Cobb's design however, is believed to be in the Post-Modern style and to be built in brick.



Two assessors of the Times RIBA Community enterprise awards, Mrs Maureen Read, a community organizer from Southampton, and Mr John Lane, an architect from Glasgow, inspecting the Tabernacle Community Centre, Notting Hill, London, one of the 33 second-stage entries.

Memorial services

Mr A. H. A. Dibbs
A memorial service for Mr A. H. A. Dibbs was held at St Margaret's, Louthbury, EC2, yesterday. The Rev Chandos Morgan officiated. Mr P. B. H. May and Lord Boardman read the lessons and Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, gave an address.

Latest wills

Lady Weeks of Winfrith, Dorset, widow of Lt-General Lord Weeks, chairman of Vickers, left estate valued at £212,674. Mr Clifford George Evans, of Cloddia, Powys, actor and director left estate valued at £115,564 net.

University news

London
Dr Patricia Crocker has been appointed to the post of professor of information technology at the London School of Economics from March 1. She is currently head of the computer service at the Polytechnic of the South Bank.

Medal for wharf conversion

Britain won one medal and three diplomas of merit in the eighth annual Europa Nostra awards for conservation announced yesterday (Our Architecture Correspondent writes). There are five medal winners and 25 diplomas for schemes in 14 countries.

Church news

The Rev R H Balfour, Canon, Christ Church, Bedford, diocese of St Albans, to be Vicar of St Andrew's, Bedford, diocese of Bedfordshire. The Rev J H Mearns, Parish Priest, Christ Church, Bedford, diocese of Bedfordshire.

Strong start for England

By a Bridge Correspondent
England made an excellent start to their defence of the Camrose trophy, the home country's bridge international series, beating Wales at Wrexham over the weekend by 24-6, 34-6 and 23-8. Northern Ireland beat Scotland at Glen Gormley, near Belfast, by 14-16, 16-14 and 20-10.

Birthdays today

Dr Alan Borg, 44; Dr J. H. Burnett, 64; Mr Roland Butler, 69; Lord Caxton, 76; Mr John Deinson, 75; Mr Placido Domingo, 45; Dr John Hayes, 57; Mr Benny Hill, 61; Sir David Home, 82; Major-General A. M. Hope, 81; George H. Middleton, 76; Mr Jack Nicklaus, 46; Dr Sir John Reid, 61; the Marquess of Tavistock, 46; Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Trowbridge, 66; Professor Sir William Wainwright, 82; Mr Laurence Whistler, 74; Mr Norman Willis, 53.

Science report

Gases pushing up ground-level temperatures
By Pearce Wright, Science Editor
Natural climate variations are masking the underlying increase in the temperature of the atmosphere close to the ground, according to the latest results of studies by the National Centre for Atmospheric Research at Boulder, Colorado.

Lincoln's Inn

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Christie's Week in View

A selection from our 15 sales in London this week.
The 19th Century. European Ceramics, Furniture, Sculpture and Works of Art: Wednesday 22 January at 10.30 a.m., King Street: In a new departure, material from sculpture, ceramics and furniture is combined in a catalogue to present the best of nineteenth century taste.

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OBITUARY
SIR ALEC CLEGG
Influence in education



Sir Alec Clegg, who died yesterday at the age of 76, was from 1945 to 1974 Chief Education Officer of West Riding County Council, and in that period, one of the country's most influential educationists.

Alexander Bradshaw Clegg was born on June 13, 1909. He went to Long Eaton Grammar School where he successfully hid his own talents and was nearly packed off at 15 to be indentured to an iron monger.

After Modern Languages at Clare College, Cambridge, and an education diploma at London, his first teaching job was at St Clement Dane's Grammar School, where he taught languages.

In 1939 he moved to Chesham as an assistant education officer and experienced the quite different tempo of county administration, enlivened by wartime evacuation and improvisation.

In 1942 he transferred to Worcestershire as deputy education officer. It was here, that his ideas about administration were expanded. Having thought that it was all about buildings and finance and school meals and grant regulations, he discovered that it was about children and the way they could be led to want to learn.

In 1945 Clegg became deputy education officer for the West Riding of Yorkshire. His chief was the eminent Arthur Binns who was confidently expected to occupy the county education officer's chair for the next decade.

Clegg was appointed at the age of 35 to succeed him as professional head of the third largest education authority in Britain.

Clegg was a strong advocate of comprehensive schooling, his own preferred method being that known as the "Thorax scheme" (after the division of the West Riding when it was tried out) which included a range of middle schools for the 9-13 age-group. It was specifically with this scheme in mind that legislation was passed in 1947 to 1979.

His own publications include an edited selection of creative writing from West Riding Schools - The Excitement of Writing (1963) Children in Distress (with Barbara Megson) 1968; the Changing Primary School (1972); and About Our Schools (1981).

He married, in 1940, Jessie Coverdale Phillips by whom he had three sons.

ADM SIR LAURENCE DURLACHER

Admiral Sir Laurence Durlacher, KCB, OBE, DSC, who died on January 16 at the age of 81, served for 44 years in the Royal Navy and was a specialist in signals and wireless. He was decorated for war service in the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean and afterwards became Deputy Chief of Naval Staff and 5th Sea Lord from 1959 to 1962.

1964 to amend the law governing transfer from primary to secondary education.

Clegg never concealed a certain impatience with the aims and bolts of administration. His main interest was in finding gifted teachers and enabling them to get on with their work unimpeded. He believed firmly in the aims and methods of the informal primary school, and in particular, in the liberating influences which a good school could have in problem places like the declining areas of South Yorkshire coalfield.

He was passionately convinced of the power of education and pioneered in-service training at Woolley Hall, the West Riding centre for teacher courses and conferences, which was very much his own creation.

So, too, was a scheme by which he persuaded Oxford and Cambridge to admit working class boys of promise on the recommendation of their headmasters, even if they had modest A levels - an arrangement which produced excellent academic as well as social results.

Clegg was in and out of schools all the time, and his influence among teachers far beyond his own county was reinforced by his total conviction that they, the teachers, were the experts in what goes on in schools, not the numerous social scientists on the outside looking in.

He was knighted in 1965. The same year he served as president of the Association of Chief Education Officers. From 1956-1967 he was a member of the Central Advisory Council on Education for England, and played an influential part in the preparation of the Crowthor Report (1958) and the Newsom Report (Half our Future).

He was Chairman of the Governors' Centre for Information and Advice on Educational Disadvantage, from 1976 to 1979.

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MR HUGH LYON

Mr Hugh Lyon, MC, Headmaster of Rugby School, from which he graduated in 1923 and 18 at the age of 92. Percy Hugh Beverley Lyon was appointed to Rugby from the Edinburgh Academy. Before that he had been an assistant master at Cheltenham.

Advertisement for Biffex a new tank...

EC CLEGG in education



FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

GEC suffers in silence after reference

The reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of GEC's bid for Distillers was an awful inevitability...

MMC's final report not to stand in the way of restructuring or concentration of the industry...

For its part, GEC is suffering in silence. According to James Prior, the chairman...

As a member of the European consortium, GEC has not earned any brownie points from either Mrs Thatcher or Mr Brittan...

The City agrees with this assessment but by the same token, it expects the

Sterling's slippery slope

"Looks like the end for us, Tonto," drawled the Lone Ranger as the deadly duo observed thousands of braves lining the hills around them...

So it was in the markets yesterday. The bears got the upper hand, prices fell, yields zoomed. Government policy, carefully restitched during the autumn...

The short end of the gilt market fell about a point, while long-dated Government stock was down nearly two points...

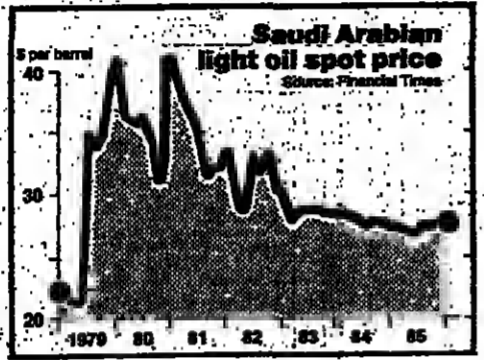
By the close, it was 76.9 on the index, and \$1.4140, and D-mark 3.4954 against our two leading trading partners...

The weakness of oil prices has a great deal to do with the sudden frissons of panic which have swept the market...

The foreign exchange markets were also responding to the Group of Five finance ministers' decision to lay off the dollar for a while...

Nigel Lawson cannot, therefore, count on his co-members of the group to prop up the pound. This leaves him with interest rates as his only support...

The notion that the G5 meeting might lead to all-round reductions in rates was a foolish dream that evaporated on contact with the firm reality of American monetary policy...



interest rates seems likely to result in still higher interest rates in the United Kingdom.

Traders for their part becoming acutely aware that something like a Law of Unfulfilled Expectations may now grip UK policy-makers...

The Bank of England is well aware that breaking this double helix spiral of panic and self-doubt will be no easy matter...

The authorities do not have a great deal of time at their disposal. The greater the differential between base rates and money market levels...

A detail in the day's composition of money market flows provide a glimpse of how keen the market is to indulge in profitable arbitrage...

The authorities seemed prepared to wait and see how markets pan out today. Meanwhile traders noted that the long gilt future fell two points to 107 yesterday...

Distillers agrees to £2.2bn merger with Guinness

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent

Guinness yesterday topped Argyll Group's hostile takeover bid for Distillers with a shares and cash offer worth a record-breaking £2.2 billion.

Guinness's intervention raised the immediate possibility of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission reference because the Dublin-based brewing group already owns the Arthur Bell whisky business.

Mr Ernest Saunders, Guinness chief executive, said he did not believe the Government would refer the merger which, he said, would create a powerful new force in the international drinks market...

Guinness said it had sought confidential guidance from the Office of Fair Trading which had indicated there would be no reference despite the fact that the combined group would have nearly 40 per cent of the Scotch market in Britain...

Both Guinness and Distillers said they believed these issues were of relatively little importance when set against the benefits to exports of the merger



Raised spirits: a line-up of Distillers products

Argyll said it would not give up the fight despite scepticism among stockbroking analysts that it could top Guinness's 609p a share offer...

Mr James Gulliver, Argyll's chairman, said it was "no sense" that the OFT had told Guinness that the bid would not be referred.

Argyll released the contents of a letter from Mr Denis Ford, assistant mergers secretary at

favourable terms to meet the £508 million cash element in the offer.

Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's merchant bank, successfully completed the City's largest ever underwriting operation of 580.9 million new Guinness shares with the help of the stockbroking firms Cazenove and Wood Mackenzie...

Mr Ernest Saunders will become chief executive and vice-chairman of the combined group which will have its headquarters in Edinburgh...

Mr John Cunnell, the chairman of Distillers will become a vice-chairman of the combined group.

On the Stock Exchange, dealers hedged their bets on the outcome of the reference decision and Distillers shares ended the day 3p lower at 563p.

Argyll shares registered disappointment that the company's ambitious expansion plans had been upset and dropped 16p to 355p.

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IN BRIEF

Tin decision postponed

The London Metal Exchange yesterday postponed until Friday a decision on when to resume tin trading.

Banks and brokers were encouraged by signs over the weekend that France and the Netherlands which have blocked International Tin Council negotiations...

Bankers and brokers were locked in meetings all day yesterday, assessing whether the ITC's response to their £320 million rescue plan merits negotiation...

Reed buys US paint company

Reed International has bought Caldwell Paint of Missouri, US, for \$7.3 million (£5.1 million) in cash...

West German car production rose to a record 4.17 million units in 1985

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Gold slips

Gold came under modest selling pressure from the Far East yesterday as investors switched into dollars after the Group of Five meeting failed to agree to cut interest rates...

Bowater deal

Bowater Industries has acquired StarTex, a plastic film manufacturer of Minnesota, US, for \$18 million.

Mr Christopher Hardern, a trustee of the Baron Darnley's Charity Trust, has withdrawn from the trust's deliberations over whether to accept the £30 million bid from the Wulverhampton & Dudley Breweries for Darnley's, the Birmingham brewer...

Move to RBS

Mr Norman Riddell is resigning as chief investment director of Britannia Arrow, the financial services group, to take charge of the investment funds of Royal Bank of Scotland Group...

Industrial production at highest since 1979

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

Industrial production rose by 1.2 per cent in November, to its highest level since June 1979. Manufacturing output was up by 0.7 per cent to its best level since February 1980.

Separate figures for unit wage and salary costs in manufacturing showed that in November these were 3.7 per cent higher than a year earlier.

The industrial production figures, up by 1.9 per cent in the latest three months, and 6.5 per cent on a year earlier, reflect the pick-up in North Sea oil and gas output from its summer lows.

Manufacturing output was up by 0.7 per cent in November without any bias corrections.

But officials believe the 0.8 per cent rise in manufacturing output in the latest three months and the 3 per cent increase on a year ago are a reasonable guide to overall output trends.

Output in the engineering, food, drink and tobacco, and textiles and clothing industries rose by about 1 per cent in the latest three months.

Quarterly figures also published yesterday showed that industrial and commercial companies had a third quarter financial surplus of £2.2 billion.

Hanson may raise bid for Imperial

By Alison Eadie

Hanson Trust shareholders yesterday approved the company's £1.8 billion bid for Imperial Group with only 1.5 million shares - 0.1 per cent of the company's equity - being cast against the bid.

There had been speculation that some institutional shareholders, speaking for at least 2 per cent of Hanson, were unhappy with the bid.

At the extraordinary meeting Lord Hanson, the chairman, said that after remarks on television by Mr Geoffrey Kent, chairman of Imperial, he was writing to Mr Kent to suggest an immediate meeting...

In the Channel 4 Business Programme on Sunday, Mr Kent talked about his board's obligations to shareholders in deciding on whether or not to accept a bid.

TSB profit increase held to 10%

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Trustee Savings Bank Group's operating profits for the year to November 30 improved a modest 10 per cent, restrained by increasing costs and higher interest rates...

He added that the delay in the group's flotation plans meant that the TSB would probably have to issue subordinated loan stock this year to help finance expansion plans.

The flotation was unlikely before the autumn at the earliest, he said. Bank officials said the TSB had raised £50 million in subordinated loans last year and might raise up to £100 million this year.

Pre-tax profits last year were £196.3 million, up from £143.8 million. Profits from banking activities up £5 million to £122.4 million, was hampered by higher interest rates which reduced the return on the group's large portfolio of fixed interest loans...

The increase in costs included a sharp rise in development expenses related to the group's expansion. Sir John said the higher costs were necessary and would show through in higher profits within four or five years.

Provision for bad debts increased by more than £5 million to £49 million.

Europeans seek meeting with Westland board

By Patience Wheatcroft

The European consortium to allow a deal with Sikorsky to go through. Although these will need only a 50 per cent vote of shareholders - instead of the 75 per cent which the board failed to get at the Albert Hall meeting on Friday - Sir John is believed to still hope that he can find a solution which would gain almost unanimous support.

The apparent crumbling of the European consortium means that opposition to Sir John's proposals is no longer being coordinated.

Although the two British partners, British Aerospace and GEC, are pledged to remain in the consortium, neither will take an aggressive role after the political battle over the issue.

Brokers to set up network

By Our City Staff

A new network of regional stockbrokers will be announced today. A group of independent firms is setting up a holding company with the major London stockbroker, James Capel, and Co, and Postel each taking a substantial shareholding.

The group is believed to include the Glasgow stockbroker Parsons & Co, and firms from Bristol, the Midlands and the North-east. It is thought that none of them has acquired big institutional shareholders in the run-up to big bang but they believe that, by joining forces, they will stand a better chance of competing in the aftermath of the stock market revolution.

James Capel is to take a 20 per cent holding in the new company, and Postel is believed to have a similar stake. Between them they will be able to bolster the services that regional stockbrokers can offer clients.

Biffex addition

A new tanker freight futures contract will begin trading on the Baltic International Freight Futures Exchange (Biffex) in London on February 18. The contract will be settled in cash against the Baltic Tanker Index. The first settlement month will be March.

Sinclair denies reports of finance problem

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Bill Jeffrey, managing director of Sinclair Research, Sir Clive Sinclair's troubled home computer company, yesterday denied reports that the company was having difficulty in raising new finance and was under pressure from creditors.

Mr Jeffrey said that the company had not started canvassing for the new money which Sinclair Research needed to finance its product development. It had only just finished preparing its business plan for this year.

According to Mr Jeffrey, this showed that Sinclair Research would be profitable in 1986 even without additional finance. The plan would shortly be shown to City institutions, including existing shareholders.

Mr Jeffrey claimed that Sinclair Research had captured about 40 per cent of the home computer market.

COMPANY NEWS

ALLIED DUNBAR: This subsidiary of B.A.T. Industries reports growth in both annual premium and lump sum business for 1985. Measured by new initial commissions, the underlying growth was 17 per cent. New annual premiums, at £103 million, were 14 per cent higher than in 1984.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, CURRENCIES, INTEREST RATES. Includes data for FT 100, Dow Jones, Nikkei, etc.

Advertisement for Chase Manhattan Limited and Chase Investment Bank. Text includes: 'Chase Manhattan Limited is pleased to have assisted in the assessment by The Department of Transport of proposals to construct and operate a Channel Fixed Link and to have rendered its opinion on the financing proposals submitted by promoters.' Date: 20th January 1986.

WALL STREET table with columns for date (Jan 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) and various stock indices like NYSE, NASDAQ, and S&P 500.

Dow down at opening

Stock market was sharply lower in morning trading in an acceleration of Friday's downward trend. Traders yesterday said investors were disappointed that the weekend meeting of the Group of Five nations did not make any clear plan to lower interest rates.

While the tin market held its bid yesterday, copper and aluminium surged ahead on the London Metal Exchange, helped by sterling's weakness.

Other base metals, however, were stagnant. Coffee was again the star among the softs, rising strongly as the board of the International Coffee Organization began to grapple with the question of suspending quotas.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including SOYABEAN, SILVER LARGE, SILVER SMALL, and various oil and metal prices.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of foreign exchange rates for various currencies like the Pound, Dollar, and others.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table showing sterling spot and forward rates for different maturities and locations.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London financial futures prices for various contracts like 3-month Sterling, 3-month Eurodollar, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

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EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS

Table of euro-currency deposit rates for various banks and currencies.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trust prices and performance metrics.

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Table of other sterling rates for various countries and currencies.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table providing detailed information on various unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance data.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Dearer money fears

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

# Heseltine and the spirit of Eureka

By Richard Sarson

What do helicopters and computers have in common? Both are high technology industries, dominated by large American corporations. British and other European companies, despite being often bolstered by government subsidies and procurement policies, have difficulty in making headway against them in a fragmented market.

Five years ago, the main British computer company, ICL, got into financial difficulties, like Westland today. The Government sat on the sidelines, as the situation worsened, until an American competitor, Sperry, like Sikorsky, put in a predatory bid.

Ministers then realized that a national asset was at risk. They masterminded a rescue operation, guaranteeing the bank loans made to the company, and replacing the chairman and managing director.

On that occasion, the Government turned its back on market forces. The reason they gave for this abandonment of non-interventionist principle was that there were too many ICL computers installed in defence and other government departments to risk the discontinuance of these models.

Why has it not taken the same view of Westland? Perhaps because it deems computers more central to the economy than helicopters. Or perhaps it is more simple than that. The ICL rescue was an all-British affair. But Michael Heseltine was asking the Westland board and the cabinet to back a European solution against an American one. Instinctively, they refused.

This runs counter to the Government's policy on high technology, clearly stated by Sir Geoffrey Howe at last year's Eureka meetings in Paris and Hannover, that European collaboration is the only way to counter American and Japanese dominance.

By not doing so, he may have jeopardized future collaborative high-tech projects. The Europeans have always held the view that the British, and the present government in particular, only pay lip service to European cooperation. They were surprised and delighted by Mr Heseltine's stand, sensing that perhaps the British were changing their spots.

Now, the Europeans will shrug their shoulders. When the chips are down, they will say, the British always scurry off to the Americans for help. They will point out to the major British software houses who have succumbed recently: Hoskyns to Martin Marietta, Meier to Lockheed, Arc to McDonnell Douglas.

After Westland, the Europeans will think twice about cooperative ventures or bids for British companies, even though the fragmented nature of the European computer market demands restructuring.

One can only hope that the spirit of Eureka survives the Heseltine affair.

# New models offer little glamour

## THE WEEK

By Matthew May

The Which Computer? Show, at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham last week reflected little but conservatism. You could perhaps be forgiven for assuming that hard-pressed computer manufacturers have only two choices now - either try to sharpen an existing product with bolt-on extras, a fairly cheap option this one with no great research and development expense involved, or import something cheap from the non-Japanese parts of the Far East.

Even the usual bevy of scantily-clad models, almost *de rigueur* for the dynamic exhibitor in previous years, had dwindled sharply.

Equally, the sombre mood of the show did not lend itself to many gimmicks. One company hired the actress Stephanie Lawrence and a £3 million diamond to show its "flawless" product. Another booked the BBC RadioActive Roadshow, perhaps to prove that although advertisers still cannot go to the BBC its shows can at least come to them.

Whereas during the past two years producing products that are compatible with IBM's personal computer standard has dominated shows, this is the year of picture-based operating systems.

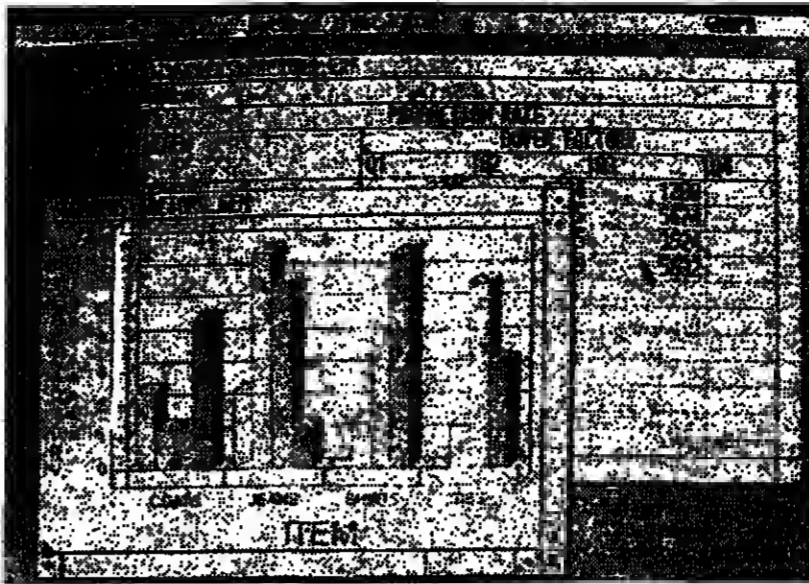
Ironically, these systems, which provide pictures and symbols of computer functions in an attempt to

make them easier to use, were pioneered on the Apple Macintosh computer which refused steadfastly to sell in the quantities expected. With picture-based systems seen as one way of overcoming what manufacturers see as customers' intransigence in refusing to buy more microcomputers, so many companies have jumped on the bandwagon that Apple can no longer reap the benefit.

Elsewhere at the exhibition several packages were on show for the current runaway success in the "serious-computing-at-home" market. Amstrad's £459 business computer. So far it has been seen chiefly as a word processor - the software for it is included in the purchase price.

The problem for software developers is price. Customers, who have paid less than £500 for a system will be unwilling to pay the several hundred pounds that some software packages can command for micros that cost £2,000 to £5,000.

But for Amstrad these are the problems of success and the company is running ready to enter more directly into competition against the established business micro manu-



Picture-based software: One way of making computers easier to use

facturers with the launch of an £800 IBM-compatible personal computer. Alan Sugar, managing director and chairman of Amstrad, now looks all set to replace Sir Clive Sinclair, who is no longer acceptable as the luminary of the micro revolution and perhaps reflects the increasing importance of shrewd marketing rather than technical wizardry.

# Japanese come back with extra muscle

By David Guest

Japanese micro makers are coming out strongly for the second round in the battle for personal computer sales, after falling a long way behind on points in the first.

Seven Japanese suppliers - Epson, Fujitsu, Panasonic, Sanyo, Sharp, Sony and Toshiba - gave the first public demonstrations of new business micros last week. Two of these announced an increased marketing effort in the UK, and two others - Canon and NEC - showed off enhancements to their current product lines.

All but one of these nine companies have now fallen into step by recognizing the standard set by the IBM PC. During the past three years the group has achieved a total market share estimated at less than 15 per cent as buyers shied away from computers that would not operate the most popular software packages.

But the Japanese are now back in the mainstream and they could prove to have a significant edge over the mass of IBM's imitators. They have a fine reputation for the quality of their engineering and they make the most of technology.

Three of the new Japanese systems at the Which Computer? show were portables, two of moderate weight and one in the heavyweight class. Sharp's PC 7000 crams 384K of memory, two floppy disks, a backlit liquid display (LCD) and a keyboard into a package that weighs 16lbs.

The backlit LCD is easier to read than earlier unit versions but neither is a patch on the gas plasma display installed by Toshiba on its T2100 and T3100.

Toshiba has finally set up a marketing operation in Britain. Panasonic is also intent on promoting more of its own products rather than building them for other suppliers, and it was also showing off gas plasma display technology on the 25th JB-3301.



Tosh's new shiba: The portable 3100 claims the power of an IBM PC-AT. Using gas plasma technology for the screen provides a clearer picture than LCDs but uses too much power to run off batteries. Prices start at £3,300 with the AT version at £3,700

Sony's SMC-210, launched a week earlier, has the same base price but much less weight at 11lbs. It offers more memory - 640K - but less legibility with a conventional LCD screen.

Among the desk-top suppliers, Sanyo added the MBC-385 to its range and Epson showed the Text PC. Both systems are PC-compatible and both will aim to make their mark with low prices. Ironically, Sanyo is concerned about possible competition from cheap machines from Taiwan.

The only major Japanese manufacturer that still has no taste for full IBM compatibility is Fujitsu, which launched a multi-user system. It has taken the Pick operation system from the minicomputer environment and put it on to a system that will support six users for about £12,000.

The Japanese regard personal computing as a long-term prospect. The spectre of Japan Inc. may have retreated, but other suppliers face a battle of attrition.

# Hi-tech makes a US touchdown

As the American football season reaches its climax with the Superbowl final next Sunday, RICHARD PAWSON looks at how computers are moving into the gridiron game



To some outsiders, American football is a mindless game - a contest of brute force at best, brutality at worst. But to the growing ranks of British fans Channel 4's Sunday-night audience has grown from two million to four million in just one season, the appeal is at least as intellectual as it is physical.

Each play of the ball is as premeditated as a chess move. So it is hardly surprising that computers are playing an increasingly important role in the game, from training to televised presentation.

Computers are perhaps most prominent in the commentary box, where revered commentators such as John Madden use the CBS Chalkboard (a video effects computer) to trace the manoeuvres of individual players for the instant replays. An impressive array of statistics can be recalled to the screen: how far a player can carry the ball in his entire career.

Such statistics are compiled on a mainframe by the organizing body, the National Football League (NFL), but it is not uncommon for local clubs to run their own minis - such as the Minnesota Vikings on DEC 11/780. This might sound like an expensive idea until you consider that the combined cost of a team's protective padding is more than \$100,000 (about £70,000) and that top players' salaries exceed \$1 million a year.

Individual teams compile their own statistics, not so much for the hall of fame, but to identify weaknesses in their own tactics, as trends in the strategy of their opponents. The New York Jets recently aban-

doned their mini, in favour of IBM's ATs, XTs and Compaqs. The portable opens up the possibility of computers on the playing field - well, on the sidelines at any rate. With injuries playing a major role in American football, and sports medicine becoming increasingly complex, databases of players' medical records and possible treatments are becoming essential.

But it is the coaches who make best use of the microcomputers: almost all NFL players are recruited from the American college and university leagues, so that scouts for the Denver Broncos now use portable computers equipped with modems to compile data on potential recruits and file it back to base.

Even the amateur teams in the UK are taking up the idea, spurred on by a £1.5 million sponsorship from Budweiser to establish a national league. Mark Carter, an ICL programmer, who functions as a defensive back for the Thames Valley Chargers in his spare time, keeps the club's record on an ICL PC.

He said: "I can feed in the statistics of our opposition before the game, and identify potential weak spots in our defence, for example."

# Setting a new standard for a sterling sign

By Mark Needham

A few frustrating hours spent trying to display a pound sign on a microcomputer or on a printer shows that the British market is not always high on the priorities of US and Japanese manufacturers which dominate the business micro world.

The problem is, one of conflicting standards. Most of the keys on a keyboard have a standard numeric code number, which is used by all microcomputer manufacturers. The letter "A", for example is always represented by the number 65.

As you would expect from a character set that is called the American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) the dollar sign also has a standard code, number 36. The pound sign has no universally agreed code number. On many systems the pound sign shares number 35 with the hash sign. This frequently leads to hash signs appearing where pound signs were intended.

To avoid this problem, some manufacturers have picked a

separate, unoccupied code number for the pound sign. In later releases of the operating system for the IBM PC, code number 156 has been reserved for the pound.

Most printer manufacturers, including Epson, have adopted a different system. Their printers contain different character sets for different nations. When the British character set is in use, the pound replaces the hash sign by using 35.

On the earliest printers the only way to get a pound sign is to print a capital L, then a back space, the overprint the L with a minus sign.

British users of the financial spreadsheet Lotus 1-2-3 had so much difficulty making a pound sign appear that one enterprising company wrote and marketed a cunning program to insert pound signs into spreadsheets. Unfortunately for them Lotus has at last turned its attention towards Europe and is advertising an improved version of its product, which it says, supports European currency formats.

# The magic box on the Cabinet table

The quick march of computer evolution can best be illustrated if I paint an imaginary picture. Supposing that in the course of the next decade computer manufacturers eliminate the teething troubles that inevitably beset the introduction of new and intricate equipment. By that time a final advance will have taken place in the field of voice recognition, so that computers will be able, not only to illuminate the screen of a word processor but to recognize a human voice and to mimic it when answering.



Major General Leslie de Malapert Thullier, assistant secretary in the Cabinet Office from 1958 to 1967, concludes his forecast on the impact of high technology on 10 Downing Street

Hence there will be occasions when it will not be necessary to use the screen of a word processor in order to communicate with the new computer. The advance publicity will dwell on the fact that no invention of the twentieth century has the dazzling ability to think for itself, to be intelligent and above all to possess brain enough to solve

the world's greatest problems. The bureaucrats in Whitehall will fall over themselves in their haste to install machines which, at a stroke, are going to simplify their daily labours. I can do no more than concentrate on the manner in which Cabinet business may be conducted...

The 52nd Prime Minister enters the Cabinet room followed by the secretary to the Cabinet. In the middle of the Cabinet table, between two glass candlesticks, a small casket reposes on a square of green baize. A grey cable disappears over the far

edge of the table. The casket contains the fifth-generation computer with its ability to think intelligently but to be soulless.

The Prime Minister gives it a sour look, an expression of disquiet for the task ahead. At 11 o'clock the usual cabinet starting time, the computer is switched on. It has been programmed to offer solutions to important matters.

From the computer the voice of the Prime Minister says: "Good morning, Prime Minister. I am ready to answer your first question. Pray proceed."

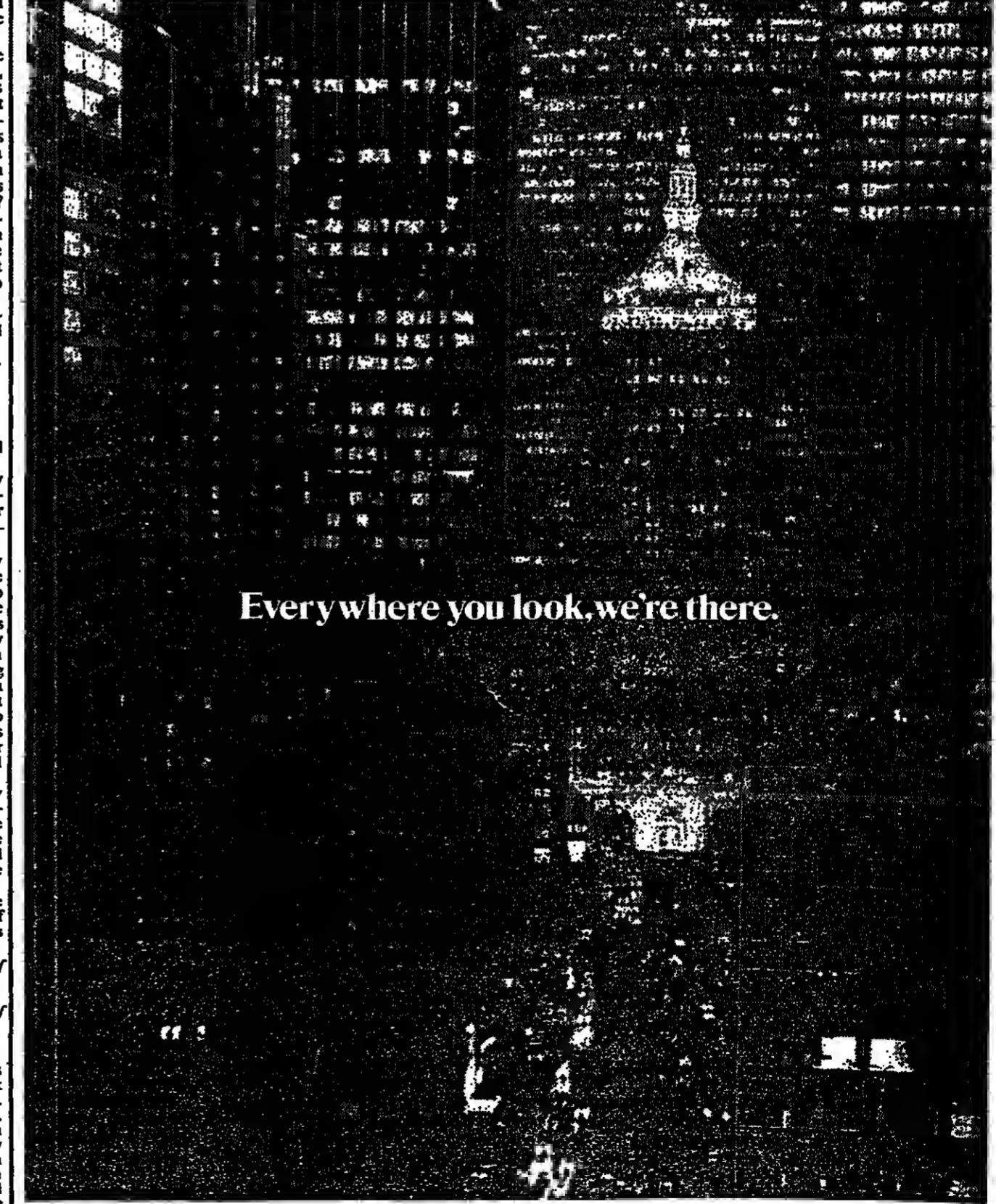
The Prime Minister turns to his secretary and says: "I am not going to stand for this," and rises... but on second thoughts sits down again, determined to see this exchange through to the end. And so the question and answer session between man and silicon-man goes ahead.

## Seismic consequences for government offices

There is nothing for the secretary to the Cabinet to do. He knows that the session will be recorded in the memory of the computer.

If he shuts his eyes he could be pardoned for believing that the Prime Minister was communicating with himself, answering his own questions. When the Cabinet meeting is over, the Prime Minister rises and stalks out muttering to his secretary: "You are not going to inflict that on me again."

There is reality enough in that chilling little cameo to show that the arrival of a fifth-generation computer on the world stage could have seismic consequences for the Cabinet, for ministers and for those who work in the Cabinet Office. How much reality is there in my fictional scenario? It is idle to pretend that I can lightly dismiss predictions of the Olympians of the computer world that thinking, intelligent



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## Battle is on to win staff from South Africa

By Ian Cheeseman  
British companies are fishing for computer talent in troubled South Africa.

Major data processing users like Legal & General and the software house Hoskyns, are hoping to ease their critical shortage of skilled staff by recruiting from the Union. The current attractions for computer staff to leave South Africa is also causing problems for their former employers.

Barclay National, the former South African subsidiary of Barclays Bank, is running an expensive campaign to attract 150 senior data processing staff to Johannesburg for projects claimed to be three years in advance of anything being worked on in the UK. The campaign to attract staff to the UK is just one running in South Africa papers. There are also positions being offered in Australia and the United States

### JOB SCENE

for anyone who is willing to leave and start a new life and career overseas.

Because of the depressed state of the South African economy the outflow of talent is only taking effect slowly but concern is mounting in the

leaving before their savings become worthless or their sons are called up.

This group are the senior managers and technicians in skill-orientated industries, and pressure is being applied to the government in an attempt to change taxation and citizenship regulations as an incentive for them to remain in the country.

An added source of concern to big business in South Africa is a piece of legislation called the "National Scientists Act" which has been passed but not enacted. The basis of the act is that most scientific, technical or engineering projects can only be authorised for use by a highly qualified graduate practitioner of the applicable discipline. Companies in these fields fear that this will not only hold up critical tasks even more than usual but by taking responsibility out of the hands of competent but less qualified technicians will provide even more reasons to leave for an environment where they are allowed more technical freedom.

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business community that the country will be left with no resources to recover in the event of an upturn.

With inflation expected to reach at least 25 per cent this year and compulsory national service for 60,000 white 21 year olds every year, many immigrants who have been in the country for 15 to 20 years are

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One method used by the Pretoria government to restrict emigration is exchange control regulations which allow departing residents to take a maximum of £15,000 with them.

This has been no barrier to people responding to the present recruiting campaigns and response has been excellent according to a source on one of the papers carrying advertisements in Johannesburg.

Even a drop in living standards has not slowed inquiries. The companies advertising for staff to come to the UK are offering salaries of £14,000 to £25,000 almost half of what Barclays is willing to pay in South Africa where living costs are much lower.

The move to recruit in a market where resources you need are looking for help to get out makes economic sense for UK companies. Some said they probably wouldn't even need to pay relocation allowances for returning South Africans.

The driving force behind the initiative, however, is the shortage of staff in the UK.

## Eyes down for electronic bingo

ICL has been given a £6 million contract to handle Britain's first national electronic bingo game which will allow up to a million players a night to take part. As part of the deal 800 bingo halls will install ICL one-per-desk terminals connected to a national network for the simultaneous bingo game that will begin in the summer.

The National Bingo Association, including all the major bingo proprietors, considered nine companies for the contract including IBM and British Telecom. A specially commissioned random number generator will produce the numbers for the game which will then be distributed to the terminals every night of the year except Christmas Day.

### Plugging the drain

The acute shortage of computer specialists in parts of the public sector as they leave for more lucrative jobs in the private sector has prompted the Treasury to offer Civil Service experts up to £2,000 a year in pay supplements.

Allowances for higher grade posts would be increased to £1,000 for staff with more than two years' experience and a further discretionary supplement of up to £1,000 could also be paid.

A report published last week by management consultants Arthur Andersen and Hay-MSL said that the National Health Service would have to substantially increase the salaries of computer specialists if it is to recruit enough experienced staff.

### A bigger bite

Amstrad has increased its share in the home computer market from 8 per cent in 1984 to 25 per cent last year, according to figures from market research firm International Data Consultants. When IDC's figures are finalised they are expected to state

that home computer sales fell by over 25 per cent from 1.5 million in 1984 to 1.1 million in 1985, nearly half that of 1983.

Sales are considered to have been artificially boosted by the sale of unsuccessful models dumped at knockdown prices with predictions for 1986 sales down to 800,000 machines.

### German superchips

Philips, Europe's biggest electronics group, is to build a major plant in West Germany to produce a new generation of electronic microchips, its main German subsidiary said. The DM3 billion (£827 million) "superchip" project being carried out jointly with West German electronics giant Siemens, is aimed at catching up with Japan and the United States in making the tiny components, vital for computers and a wide range of other high-technology products.

Philips will produce a chip able to store one billion bits of information - many times greater than current chips - and Siemens a chip with capacity of four million bits.

### Gradual upturn

US microchip makers reported steady gains in orders and shipments in December, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association. It said 1985 will be a "significantly better year" for the beleaguered industry. But several chip manufacturers said they expect the recovery to be slow. The industry trade group said average monthly orders for semiconductors were \$581 million (£401 million) up 9 per cent on the three months to the end of November. Microchip shipments rose 14 per cent in December from November.

The microchip industry last year had its deepest slump as both demand and prices plummeted. Several major manufacturers posted heavy losses in 1985 and tens of thousands of workers lost their jobs. Unlike earlier upturns which tended to be sharp, the current recovery is said by semiconductor makers to be gradual.

## Robotic link for Digital and Fiat

By Frank Brown

Digital Equipment Corporation, the world's second largest computer manufacturer, and Comau, an Italian robotics and machine tool company that trained robots to make Fiat Strada cars, are to collaborate in the potentially lucrative field of automated manufacturing systems.

The two organizations have formed a jointly-owned company in Turin to design and implement automation products and systems mainly for the European market.

The new company, called Sesam (Software e Sistemi per l'Automazione Manifatturiera), represents an investment of \$4 million, and has been set up to meet the rapidly-growing demand for computer-integrated manufacturing systems.

Such systems link together all a factory's automated areas - robots, machine tools, etc - into a single computer-controlled network so that they function as a whole and improve production efficiency, in terms of

output quality, utilizing materials and resources, and in getting new products to the market as quickly as possible.

The demand for computer-integrated manufacturing is considerable. Digital estimates that medium-sized manufacturing companies in Europe spent \$4.75 billion on factory automation equipment last year - almost half on equipment within Sesam's area of specialization - and that such expenditure will rise dramatically to more than \$20 billion by 1990.

Comau is a major supplier of robotics and flexible manufacturing systems - production lines that can be readily adapted to produce new products.

A subsidiary of Fiat, the Italian auto giant, it has 50 years' experience in the design and supply of machine tools for the manufacture of metal parts for the automobile allied industries. The bulk of its output is exported worldwide, its equipment being used in most US and European vehicle plants, including those of Ford and General Motors.

Recently, General Motors acquired a stake in Comau's US subsidiary in Detroit which is involved in GM's multi-billion dollar Saturn car project.

Digital is one of the companies selected by General Motors to develop networking products to the Manufacturing Automation Protocol, the international de facto data communications standard for automation drawn up by GM to enable different vendors' equipments to "talk" to each other.

One result has been an industrial local-area networking system called Baseway which is now in use in more than 70 GM plants, and rapidly being adopted by other major manufacturing companies in the US and Europe.

The two companies are already working together on an Espirit programme together with Renault Automotrice of France developing software that will "automate" the development of applications software for optimizing plant productivity, particularly for small batch manufacturing.

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FOOTBALL: COUNTDOWN TO MEXICO FOR ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Youngsters wait for Robson's call

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson is about to open England's preparations for the World Cup finals...

of them could be required by their clubs as well. Of the most recently assembled junior party...

regain his fitness exposed a flaw in England's facilities and especially in the treatment of long-term injuries...



Stewart Robson could provide a cutting edge

Hatley and Wilkins are still caught in AC Milan's power struggle. Although Nils Liedholm, their manager, is willing to return them to the Italian Cup...

where he will be on tour with Newcastle United, comes in for the absent Francis. Bryan Robson, England's captain, was surprisingly not considered...

Bobby Robson welcomed the much needed service which will allow him to concentrate on his research purposes. For once, though, injuries are not his problem...

Stewart Robson could provide a cutting edge. The cost of the equipment - £50,000 - has been provided by the Football Association...

Chance for Nicholas to end Scots famine

By Hugh Taylor

Scotland have scored just five goals in their last eight international matches...

He has recalled Charlie Nicholas after an absence of 10 months from the international scene...

It is an unfamiliar pool of 21 players announced yesterday, there is the prospect of fascinating pairings...

While Johnson has hardly been outstanding in a faltering Celtic team, many would have thought this was an excellent opportunity...

One of these is Levein, of the league leaders, Heart of Midlothian, who has been considered to be the best young defender Scotland has produced...

There is a doubt about the goalkeeper, Paul Cooper, who has a higher strain, so John Halliwell, aged 20, who has made two senior appearances...

Liverpool player-manager Kenny Dalglish, does not mind if he sits on the bench all season, as long as Ian Rush and Paul Walsh continue their lethal goalkeeping partnership...

Only three weeks ago Walsh was dropped for two games and Rush was going through the roughest period of his career...

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Anger mounts over physical factor

By Nicholas Harting

Discrepancies in the laws relating to the amount of physical contact allowed in Britain and the United States are causing more friction than ever among the American coaches...

officials, was not available for comment. Ross had reason, too, to question the failure of his players, who had led for most of the match...

Every week at virtually every first division game, the two officials come in for criticism from one or both of the coaches involved...

There is hope yet for McEwan Tyneside and the bottom with one more game. Both looked certain for relegation until Saturday's recommendation...

Ross, from Tampa Bay, Florida, who was allowed to coach on Saturday only because he is appealing against a two-match ban imposed by the English Basketball Association...

Even if Bolton do go down their overall future had been secured for the time being by the decision of their sponsors to extend their support for a further two seasons...

Hard work pays for Fife Flyers

By Robert Pryce

Those aristocrats of British ice hockey, the Fife Flyers, recalled how they earned their place in last year's honours list over the weekend...

Poulter's talent rewarded

By Mark Poulter

Mark Poulter's decision to give up competitive swimming was to concentrate on a degree at Bath University, seemed to end any chance of his emulating his brother Stephen...

Everything worked splendidly, in fact, until the last five minutes at Ayr, when the heads that bear the Heineken British Championship crown...

McCrone left the ice again six seconds from time. Brown won possession for the Flyers but Drummond's high clearance was knocked down by Conway...

Are may be the most difficult task in the premier division in hockey is to prepare the surface small, its poorly prepared. The barriers are short and lean outwards...

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Live start to World Cup on TV

The BBC and ITV will screen 15 hours of live football between them in the first round of the World Cup in Mexico...

Virtues and vices of Egypt

Comparisons may be odious but they can sometimes be instructive. Thus, England play Cairo in Egypt next week...

Gleghorn out of the reckoning

Ipswich Town will be without their midfield player, Nigel Gleghorn, for tonight's Milk Cup quarter-final at Liverpool...

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Santana pledge

Rio de Janeiro (Reuters) - Tele Santana, who was reappointed manager of Brazil last week, said yesterday that he would not change his approach...

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

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FA Trophy draw

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CRICKET: SOUTH AFRICAN UNION APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT FOR HELP

Smith and Slack to the rescue

Colombo (Reuter) - A four-wicket stand of 125 between Chris Smith and Will Slack helped England to recover to 243 from seven at the close of the first day of the first four-day international against Sri Lanka yesterday.

S African government likely to aid sponsors

The sponsors of the break-away Australians tour have been told by the South African Government that they will be given major tax deductions through legislation which has yet to go before parliament.

From Ivo Tennant, Johannesburg

Union (SACU) who made representations to the Government for a reinstatement of tax incentives for sponsors, similar to those which had prevailed until December 1983.

had a large majority, the legislation should go through and that the deals with the sponsors were set up to the likelihood that this would happen.

Pollock prepared to bat despite hand in plaster

From Ivo Tennant

Kevin McKenzie, who shored up South Africa's first innings, was five runs short of his first century for his country when a torrential downpour immediately after lunch ended play.

In an attempt to avoid a pair, Jennings pushed the ball to cover, but slipped when sent back and failed to regain his ground.

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Becker is Lendl's only threat

From Richard Evans, New York

Boris Becker's world ranking on the Association of Tennis Professionals computer is still only No 6 because programmed machines do not always react fast enough to keep up with human dynamism.

Ivan Lendl was named yesterday as the world's No 1 player by the International Tennis Federation. They said Lendl was the unanimous choice of the ITF champions' panel.

Becker's capabilities in the coming 12 months, but whether he succeeds or not, the excitement he brings to court will continue to engender new world-wide interest in the game.

RUGBY LEAGUE £100,000 fee for Lydon is a record

By Keith Macklin

A world record rugby league cash transfer took place yesterday when Joe Lydon's wages at the Welsh club British utility back, joined Wigan for £100,000.

England taking no chances with Murrayfield preparations

By David Hands

There may be a break in the five nations championship fixture list as far as England are concerned on February 1 but there will be no break in preparations.

Moriarty banned

Richard Moriarty, who was sent off in Swansea's match against Lutetia in New Year's Eve, has been suspended for 12 weeks by the Welsh Rugby Union disciplinary committee.

Girardelli hopes to regain lead

Parpan, Switzerland, (Reuter).

Marc Girardelli, the reigning champion, will be seeking a return to top form in today's slalom to win back the World Cup.

Australian boys out to protect record

The Australian schoolboys go into the last stage of their tour unbeaten, with only tomorrow's game against London Schools at Old Deer Park.

Ranked fifth in England and seeded fifth at Marlow, Miss Burgess could well prove too tough in today's quarter-finals for the fourth seeded Australian Liz Irwin.

Hammond triumphs in play-off

From John Ballantine, Palm Springs

Donnie Hammond won his first tournament in four years on the United States PGA tour when he beat John Cook in a play-off in the Bob Hope Classic on Sunday.

Shriver clowns in defeat

Worcester, Massachusetts (Reuter) - Pam Shriver was beaten to clowning when she was reduced 6-1, 6-1, by Martina Navratilova in the semi-finals of a women's tennis tournament yesterday.

Motor RALLYING Pond makes a gesture

Tony Pond has retired from the Monte Carlo Rally to give his Austin Rover team colleague, Malcolm Wilson, a better chance.

Plea to Sports Minister

Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, has been asked by Roger Stott, MP for Wigan, to withhold Sport Council grants to the Rugby Football Union until they change their discriminatory attitude towards the British Amateur Rugby League Association.

Llanelli are weakened

Quensland play the final match of their British tour at Sturdee Park this evening when they field eight internationals against Llanelli in a match commemorating the late Sir James Jones.

Oxford pick Griffin

Simon Griffin (Christ's College, Brecon and University College) has been appointed captain of Oxford University Rugby Football Club.

Batty fights for life

weston. (Reuter) - Joe former All Black, Grant Batty, aged 35, was fighting for his life in an Auckland hospital yesterday after nearly drowning in a swimming pool.

FOR THE RECORD

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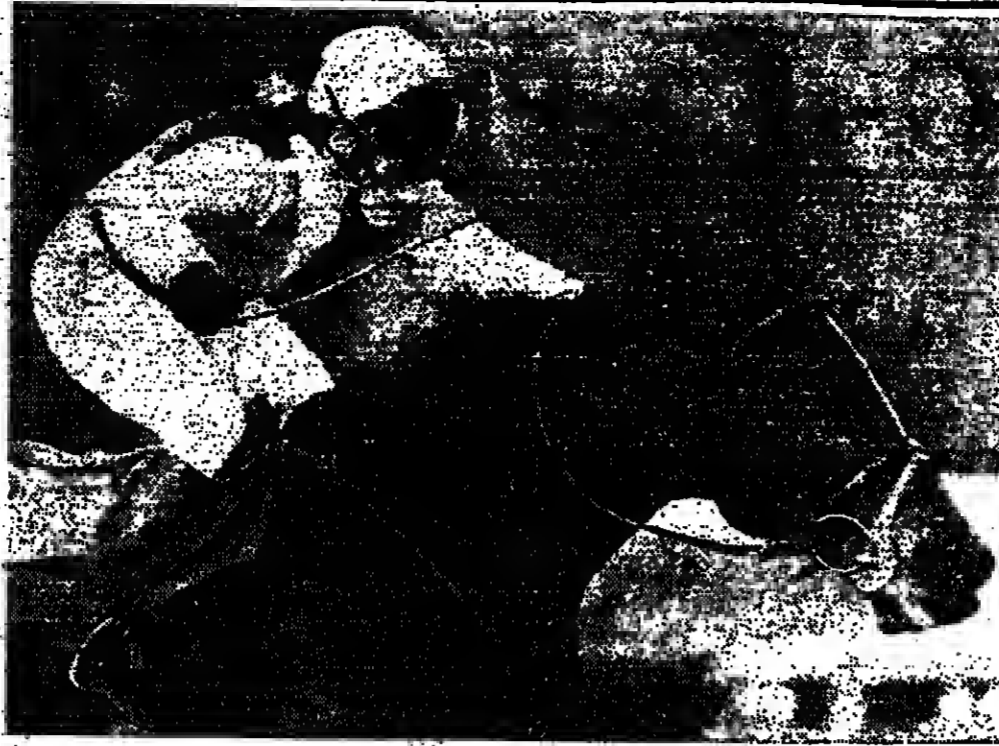
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Large advertisement for Haecher's fine run frustrates favourite, featuring a photo of a skier and text about ski racing.

RACING

Polar Sunset to confirm his rich promise

Following that encouraging run behind the Catchpool, Braunston Brook and Brass Change at Lingfield Park four weeks ago, Polar Sunset is named to tip the Heather Novice Chase at Chepstow this afternoon.



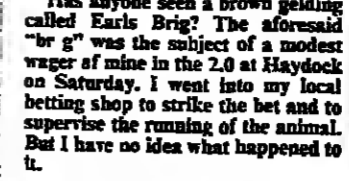
Oyster Pond recently second at Chepstow, returns for today's Ralph Morel Cup.

That he has recaptured his sparkling form of last season. So far this winter, he has been somewhat lacklustre. I believe it is the best chance that John Webber, his trainer, and George Merragh, his jockey, have of collecting this afternoon's money. This is the Group Handicap Chase.

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That's the way the money goes - in vision as well as sound



Simon Barnes

Has anyone seen a brown gelding called Earls Brig? The aforesaid "br g" was the subject of a modest wager of mine in the 2.0 at Haydock on Saturday. I went into my local betting shop to strike the bet and to supervise the running of the animal. But I have no idea what happened to it.

I stood and drank in that wonderful, oracular, emotion-starved voice from the Exter blower. It picked up the race commentary, later: "Comin' into the last, its Comby Dick and Door. Leitch, othlin' between these two..." but heard not a whisper about Earls Brig! I left, reeling under a savage attack of the betting shop punter's occupational disease: the sour taste of having been on the wrong end of an imagined conspiracy of the wealthy.

Hill's are looking further ahead than that. They are designing a "betting shop of the future", which you will key your bet into a machine, watch normal television broadcasts, or satellites or cable, watch video replays of the races, and even encounter something that sounds physiologically disastrous: the commentary extended into the lavatories.

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- 1.45 HEATHER NOVICE CHASE (21.840; 2m 4f) (18 runners)
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- 1.30 STOP GAP NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1; £1,175; 2m) (25 runners)
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Chepstow selections

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2.15 CLIVE GRAHAM TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (21.985; 3m) (22)
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2.45 RALPH MOREL CUP HANDICAP CHASE (22.169; 2m 4f) (8)
1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8

Nottingham selections

- 1.30 Bold Connection, 2.00 Captain's Answer, 2.30 Bargill, 4.0 Well Covered, 4.30 Michael Seely.
2.0 BUNNINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (21.584; 2m) (5)
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A number of opportunities exist for newly qualified lawyers who have enthusiasm, good business judgment and the ability to drive litigation matters through to a successful conclusion, to act as personal assistants to partners in the litigation department.

In all cases, we shall seek from applicants, who may be solicitors or barristers, evidence of initiative and intellectual dexterity coupled with the ability to communicate at a senior level within a fast-paced, progressive yet informal and friendly environment. A good academic background, ideally to at least 2.1 degree standard, should, preferably, be complemented by broadly-based articles.

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Our client is a well known and progressive firm of London solicitors, who have grown rapidly over the past few years and continue to expand. It has a varied general practice and a strong commercial bias.

It now has a need for additional high calibre people in its company and commercial department. The work is varied and demanding with a strong emphasis upon public company clients, particularly in the areas of financial services and the oil and gas industry. There is also a significant element of corporate finance work.

You should have been qualified for at least a year and have gained some experience in public company or banking work, either with a major provincial or well known City firm. These positions offer a challenging opportunity to become actively involved in the further development of this side of the practice, and highly competitive remuneration packages will be offered.

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Applications are invited from candidates with a recognised professional qualification (ACA/ACCA/ATII), or from fully trained Inspectors within the Inland Revenue. The appointed person will be in the age range of thirty to forty, will have a confident yet discreet personality, and will greatly enjoy the benefits of working for a highly respected and well established major legal practice. Please contact **Timothy Bourage** or **Rachel Caine**.

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The person appointed will join a young, expanding, forward looking and professional team and consequently can expect a broadening of experience both in terms of court work and administrative duties.

Starting salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience. The post is supernumerary and the J.M.C. conditions of service will apply.

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It is intended to complete the selection process with a minimum of delay. Applicants meeting the above requirements are therefore requested in the first instance to telephone Mr. Christopher Coriat in London on (01) 906 0782 between 8.30 a.m. and 9.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 January, 1986.

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Conditions of service include 25 working days leave, annual salary review and increments, and a contributory superannuation scheme with dependants provision.

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Write in confidence by the 7th February 1986, giving full details of education, experience, employment, present salary and date available, to: Personnel Manager, Legal Aid, Legal Aid Head Office, The Law Society, Newspaper House, 8-16 Great New Street, London, EC4 3BN.



## Redbridge

London Borough DIRECTORATE OF ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL SERVICES

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An increasing workload together with changes in legislation in recent years has led to the creation of this new senior professional post to work closely with existing professional staff.

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For an informal discussion about the post ring Mr E Davis (Deputy Director) on 01-478 3020 extension 182.

Application forms and further details from Director of Administration & Legal Services, London Borough of Redbridge, Town Hall, High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1TD (telephone 01-478 3020 extension 342).

Closing date: 13 February 1986.

This post is subject to the LMGSC ring fence procedure; with their agreement it is now being offered on an unrestricted basis. Applications are invited from anyone with appropriate qualifications or experience, but priority will be given to employees of the G.L.C. or N.C.C's.

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Scale 27 (£14,150-£18,045)

### Assistant Solicitor

Scale 23 (£12,927-£16,313)

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Applicants for the Assistant Solicitor's post may be recently or newly qualified and preferably should have some experience in civil litigation or conveyancing. The precise duties of this post will depend on the previous experience of the successful applicant.

For informal discussion please contact Mr C. H. Brown, Regional Legal Adviser, telephone Winchester 63611, extension 488.

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You will be a high achiever looking to contribute significantly to the Company's success and to expand your career and responsibilities in a dynamically growing environment. Experience in insurance or a similar field would be advantageous but is not considered as important as a strong outgoing and ambitious personality.

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Salary between £11,850-£15,111

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If you would like further information, ring John Goodwin, Chief Prosecuting Solicitor, on 0245 252939. Application form and further details available from the County Personnel Office, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1LX (0245 267222 Ext 2017).

Closing date 14th February 1986.



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Britons look back on their ordeal with patriotic pride



Miss Darlene Patterson: sheltered by Yemenis; Miss Yvonne Berry: waded in wrapped in flags; Mrs Cheryl Marshall: the Ambassador's wife

'It has to be said, we do it in style'

Continued from page 1 Mr Lucien Lemanski, a Loyds adjuster from Chertsey, Surrey, said: "We were expecting some mild jolopy from Djibouti to turn up, but it was magic seeing the Britannia, like a fairy story. The crew were absolutely fantastic..."

Mr David Hays, a British Council teacher, said that once all who could be evacuated were on board, the Britannia sailed round the coast to wait just off the coast near Aden city. "The whole town was enveloped in black smoke, as if everything was burning. And then they decided to have a deck party, and the band came up and played 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'..."



Mr Peter White: disarmed nine soldiers

Letter from Manila

Where 204 voters live in one house

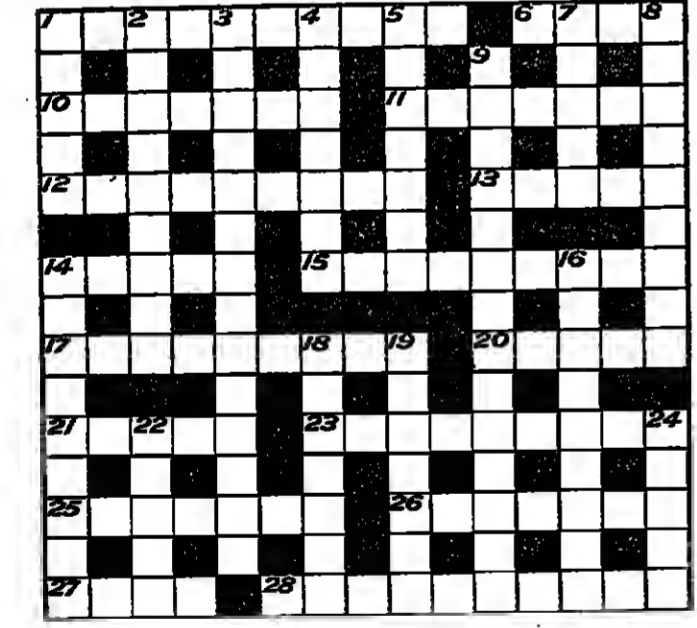
They have a saying in Filipino politics: It's not the votes that count, it's the counting that counts. And so it is once again in the snap election called by President Marcos to extend his two decades of rule until 1992...

Paul Routledge

Today's events

Royal engagements The Princess of Wales, Patron, Birthright, opens the Harris Birthright Research Centre for Early Pregnancy at St Mary's Hospital, WC2, 10.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,949



ACROSS 1 They admit their translations are beastly (10). 6 Rays from some stars (4). 10 Baby bird seen flying on occasion (7).

TV top ten

- 1 Eastenders (Thu/Sun), 22.75m
2 Eastenders (Tue/Sun), 22.75m
3 Last of the Summer Wine, 15.10m

Anniversaries

Births: Thomas Jonathan ("Stonewall") Jackson, Confederate general in American Civil War, Charleston, West Virginia, 1824.

The pound

Table with columns for Bank, Buy, Sell, and various international exchange rates.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Atomic Energy Authority Bill, second reading. Drug Trafficking Offences Bill, second reading.

Snow reports

Table with columns for Location, Depth, Conditions, Off piste, Runs to resort, and Weather.

Roads

London and South-east: A4127: Resurfacing at junction with Grove Street and Dundee Street, Edinburgh.

Benefit rights

The Labour Research Department has published State Benefits - a guide for trade unionists, its annual guide to benefit rights, fully updated to take account of the many, and sometimes complex changes introduced last year.

Weather forecast

A cold front will clear SE Britain, with a brisk westerly airstream becoming established over all areas.

Lighting-up time

London 5.00 pm to 7.25 am. Bristol 5.10 pm to 7.35 am. Edinburgh 4.55 pm to 7.20 am.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud; F, clear.

London

Yesterday: Tamer 6 am to 8 pm, 100 BHP, 71 per cent. Rain 24hr to 8 pm, 8.5mm.

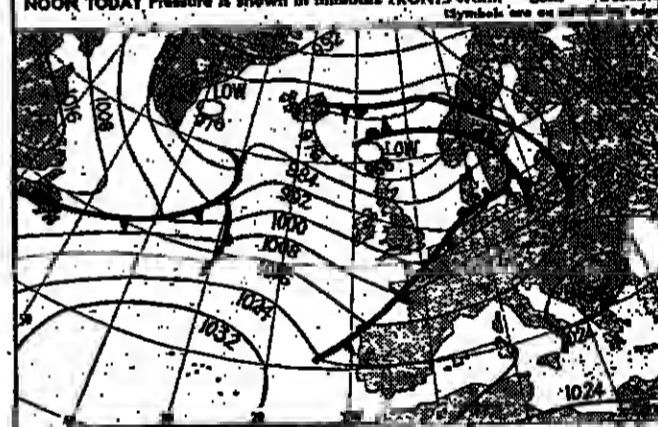
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Falmouth, 11C (53F). Lowest: London, 5C (41F).

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High tides

Table listing high tide times for various locations including London Bridge, Dover, and Southampton.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for various locations around the British Isles.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for various international locations.